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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

In spite of the uncertainty, the confusion, and distress in the world, the academic year 1940-41 at Moses Brown has opened auspiciously.

The enrollment in the Upper School is somewhat smaller than a year ago, and that of the Lower School is slightly larger, with a total enrollment of 340 as compared with 352. The number of students by departments is as follows:

Upper School House	56
Upper School Day	139
Total	195
Lower School House	7
Lower School Day	138
Total	145

A small group entering the Upper School from the Fourth Intermediate accounts in part for the smaller Upper School registration; a large Pre-Primary Class (18) increased the number in the Lower School. Four of the Lower School classes are completely full; two are of normal size, and two are smaller than we should like to have them (the First Grade with 13 pupils and the Second with 10); these groups have been small from the beginning and very few new students have been registered in them.

Among the students are six "refugee" children from England; one of these is a house boy in the Upper School, one a day boy there, and the others are in the Lower School day department. An English International Schoolboy Fellowship

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representative has been assigned to Moses Brown, and he arrived a few days ago. There is also a little Viennese who entered School a year ago. These boys are in this country with parents, relatives, or friends, and have been sponsored by patrons of the School or acquaintances of the Headmaster.

In making the financial arrangements, each case was considered on its merits. The School offered to cooperate, but it expected sponsors to pay as much of the normal tuition as they could. This has run, in general, from one-half to full rate. One boy has a full scholarship. A number of schools volunteered to accept a limited number of British refugee children and to provide for them. Many local people who were interested in the original program to place British children in this country raised the question as to what Moses Brown proposed to do. In every case they were told we should do everything we could, but that each situation would be considered individually. It seems to the Headmaster that it is quite proper that sponsors of these children, when they are able to do so, should assume in full or share with the School the expense of the boys' education.

Whether or not there will be more applications during the winter it is not possible to tell. If the War continues into another winter, it is probable that other applications will be received. What policy does the Committee wish to follow with regard to applications in the future?

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Faculty - There are five new members of the staff this year. Dorothy Davis, a graduate of Wellesley and for six years a teacher in the sixth grade at Albany Academy, has come to take charge of our sixth grade. In the Upper School, Henry F. Cleaves is teaching English and music. He has an A. B. degree from Bowdoin (1932) and comes to us from Hebron Academy. Robert C. Glenn is teaching German and English. He is a Harvard graduate of the class of 1930, has a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and has studied at the Middlebury language schools. He taught for some years at the Montgomery School. Anton Kishon has charge of the Chemistry and Physics and assists with the athletics. He is a graduate of Bates and has taught at Wilbraham Academy. During his undergraduate years he was an intercollegiate champion in the weights events. Robert E. Markarian is an instructor in elementary Latin. He is a graduate of Lafayette College and has done graduate work at Harvard and Columbia. He has had experience in private school work, but comes to Moses Brown from public school teaching in Dover, Delaware.

There are this year also a few changes in organization. Henry F. Cleaves is a competent musician, having had some years of professional study. He will have charge of the Glee Club and the Orchestra, and in addition will have a period a week of music appreciation. One rehearsal a week of the music clubs has been fitted into the regular school program and this should give considerable impetus to the work of these clubs,

and make more effective the outside rehearsals which have heretofore been difficult to schedule.

In order to provide for a closer supervision of the work of boys of the Upper School, Basil G. Meserve has been relieved of half his teaching program and designated as an adviser. Arrangements have been made also to free Oliver J. B. Henderson from his work in the Study Hall to meet parents when necessary. The new plan apparently is working well, and promises a more effective handling of the boys' academic problems.

There has been a considerable increase in the demand for Mechanical Drawing and some difficulties have been experienced in providing places for all boys who wish to take the course. Moses Brown, over the years, has given considerable emphasis to language study and many of our boys have carried Latin and a modern language throughout their secondary school course. These subjects, plus the usual courses in English, Mathematics, Science, and History have made up the students' programs.

A few years ago, in order to provide a different type of work for the non-linguistic students, Mechanical Drawing was added. The subject has been very well taught, and has become increasingly popular. It provides a type of hand work which is acceptable to most colleges for admissions credit, and it offers an opportunity for the development of abilities which are touched very little by other secondary school subjects. In recent years Latin has been removed

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from the list of requirements of most of the colleges, and boys who have no particular gift with languages have been encouraged to reduce their language study to a minimum. Moses Brown still requires Latin in the First, Second, and Third Forms; after that it becomes optional with the student, and the classes are small. The Mechanical Drawing has taken up the slack for many of these boys.

On the staff at Moses Brown are a number of men whose ages fall within the limits of the military draft. There are rumors to the effect that those in the teaching profession who are called will be exempted until the end of a school term. There is no way of telling, however, whether special consideration really will be given them. If any of our men should be called in the middle of the term and should not be exempted, an awkward problem would be presented. Tentative solutions in advance do not seem possible. It would be a situation with which we should have to deal when we came to it. Nevertheless, it is a possibility which will have to be faced.

Some months ago it seemed that an effort might be made to require schools and colleges to provide some form of military training, but apparently wiser counsels have prevailed and that now does not seem to be an immediate problem.

In Sixth Month 97 boys took 284 examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board. With the exception of Chemistry, the results were satisfactory and in some departments

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the records were excellent. For a decade these examinations have been required of all boys in the Third and Fourth Forms and have been taken by those Fifth Formers who needed them for admission to college. There is no doubt but that the academic standard of the School has in many respects improved under this program. On the other hand, such a program has had many liabilities, the most serious of which has been to give the "Board examinations" an undue prominence in the work of the School and to over emphasize grades and examinations in general. The faculty now is considering whether it would not be better to discontinue this requirement, eliminating the preliminary examinations and shifting to the so-called New Plan for those boys who must take examinations for college admission. Probably formal mid-year and final examinations set by the School would have to be substituted and special provision would have to be made for those boys who would still take college entrance examinations. It is the conviction of many members of the staff that better teaching would be done if the proposed change is carried out, and the students as well as teachers would be relieved somewhat of the strain which is evident at the end of each year. In connection with this also, there is a proposal to modify the marking system. The modification probably would be more apparent than real. No two schools have exactly the same standard and the A, B, C, D, E ratings in one institution may have a completely different significance in another.

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It is proposed simply to change the label so that, for example, the C grade which we consider satisfactory, would not be confused with the C rating which in many schools represents poor work.

Summer Work - No large jobs were undertaken during the summer. The general maintenance and repair work was carried out in accordance with the usual program, but for one reason or another the larger projects approved by the Executive Committee were not undertaken. Because it was not possible to get guarantees on the delivery of equipment, the remodeling of the bathroom on Senior Corridor was postponed for at least another year, although it is work which should be done in the near future.

The city Inspector of Public Buildings finally gave tentative approval of a special rigging for window washers and for the present at any rate it apparently is not necessary for us to install the window bolts which a new ordinance had made obligatory.

The automatic fuel control in the Power House was not installed. We have recognized for a number of years that the time would come when major replacements would be necessary in our heating and lighting equipment. The boilers are forty years old and the generators (excepting the Diesel) are almost of the same vintage. Five years ago an engineer, provided by Willard Swift, recommended that new boilers be installed. At that time, however, the State inspector said he would approve

the boilers as they were and indicated that he saw no reason to think they would not be useful for a number of years more. In proposing the automatic fuel control it was the thought that if this were installed it would save considerable fuel now, and when the time came for a change, it could be used with the new boilers. This summer, however, the inspector dropped the pressure on the boilers from 100 lbs. to 80 lbs. and said there would be a further reduction another year. This step has been taken because of the age of the boilers rather than because of their condition, but we are brought face to face at once with the whole problem of power plant equipment. We probably shall have to install new boilers before another year. This is a major change requiring the expenditure of a large sum of money and many important questions are involved. It is probable that we should continue to make our own electricity, but it may be that an arrangement can be made by which, during the periods of minimum load at night and in vacation times, current can be bought to advantage from the Narragansett Electric Light Company. We are using direct current. It may be desirable to shift to alternating, although this would involve in addition to power plant equipment the replacement of all motors and other equipment of the kind in the buildings. Perhaps this matter should be referred to the Executive Committee for complete investigation.

Sack Property - The property at the corner of Hope Street and Lloyd Avenue has now been graded and seeded,

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and the iron fence erected. It is a most attractive addition to the school grounds, although its full value cannot be appreciated until the hedge between the new land and the athletic field has been removed. This will be done next spring after we have been able to establish a good lawn. A hedge will be planted also inside the fence along Lloyd Avenue and Hope Street, so that this corner will conform to the general plan of the front campus. The total cost to date, including the purchase price, taxes arrears, etc., amounts to $11,915.25.

Financial Statement - With this report are submitted the statement of income and expenditures and a budget comparison for the fiscal year 7/1/39 to 6/30/40, together with a cash account for the same period, similar statements for the first three months of the current fiscal year 7/1/40 to 9/30/40, and budget for the current fiscal year. The financial statement for three months and the budget have not as yet had the attention of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held at the rise of the School Committee meeting in Alumni Hall on 10/8/40.

The following members were present: Charles P. Sisson, Oren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins.

The meeting was called to fix the dates for Executive Committee meetings during the academic year 1940-41. It was agreed to meet at 6 P.M. for supper at the School on Monday evenings Twelfth Month 9th, First Month 27th, Third Month 17th, Fourth Month 28th, and Sixth Month 9th.

Adjourned.

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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools, held at Moses Brown School on Tenth Month 8th, 1940, the clerk presiding and fifteen members present: Edward Lyman Brown, Charles F. Brown, Edward L. Macomber, Clara W. Mumford, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A.Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins, Letters of regret were read from Rufus M. Jones and Moses Bailey.

Miss Wheeler read the report of the Committee on Reorganization which sets forth the respective functions and duties of the General Committee and of the Executive Committee and provides for the appointment of a Clerk, a Recording Clerk, and four committees, a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, a Finance Committee of three members, an Endowment Committee of five members, and an Executive Committee of seven members, three of whom shall be the Chairmen of the other three committees. This report met with general approval and the Committee on Reorganization, consisting of Frances E. Wheeler, Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, and Charles H. White was asked to continue to clarify its statement of the relationship of the General Committee to the Lincoln School Board of Trustees and also to study the question of the appointment of the school Treasurer.

The General Committee was then organized according to the approved recommendations of the Committee on Reorganization. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ellen A. Winslow, Frances E. Wheeler, and Charles H. White, submitted the following names which were approved:

Clerk, Alexander C. Purdy

Recording Clerk, Margaret G. Sisson

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The Question of adding a woman member to the Endowment Committee was left for consideration at a future meeting.

As the Committee consisting of Frances E. Wheeler, Ellen A. Winslow, and Charles H. White, appointed to suggest possible names of non-Friends to serve on the School Committee had no report, this committee was continued and asked to bring in suggestions at a later meeting.

The Headmaster read a letter from the Board of Canvassers and Registration requesting the use of the Lower School Gymnasium for Draft Registration. He also read his reply and asked that the Committee make the final decision in the matter. Charles Sisson contacted the Chairman of the Board by telephone and reported that on further consideration the Board had decided to make other arrangements.

The Headmaster's report was read, approved, and ordered placed on file.

The matter of replacing the old boilers in the Power House was referred to the Executive Committee who were asked to report their findings at the next meeting of the School Committee.

The Committee approved the policy adopted by the Headmaster regarding scholarship aid to refugee children, namely, that each case should be decided on its merits.

Approval was expressed of the improved music program for the School.

An income and expenditure statement for Moses Brown School for the academic year 1939-1940 and another for the first three months of the current year were read. The Headmaster reported briefly on the budget for the current year and this was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Headmaster reported that the Walter R. Jones Trust shows a slight increase each year in principal and should reach $150,000 if this increase continues.

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The report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School was read, approved, and ordered placed on file.

The Committee also approved the financial statement of Lincoln School.

On ascertaining that Thomas A. Tripp is today celebrating his eighty-third birthday, the Committee congratulates him most heartily and wishes for him many more years of useful service.

(Signed) Margaret G. Sisson
Recording Clerk

To the Executive Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The most important item of business for the consideration of the Executive Committee at this time concerns the power plant equipment. The present boilers were installed in 1893 and are consequently forty-five years old. Because they have had unusually good care, they have up to this time carried the heating and lighting load satisfactorily and even now seem to be in good condition. Because of their age, however, the insurance inspector last spring dropped the maximum pressure under which they may be run from 100 lbs. to 85 lbs. and informed us that there would be a further drop this year to 25 lbs. In order to run the steam engines, a pressure of 80 lbs. must be maintained and consequently we now are faced with the problem of replacing these boilers with new equipment before another school year begins. It is probable that we should continue to make our own electricity for light and power, although it may be possible for us to secure from the Narragansett Electric Company an arrangement by which we can purchase electricity for some of the holidays and for certain other times (such as eleven at night until five or six o'clock in the morning) when relatively small amounts of electricity are used and little steam is required for heating.

Excepting for the Diesel Engine and Generator, the other equipment (two direct coupled steam engine generators) is very old and will require replacement in the near future. This immediately raises the question of whether the School should continue to use direct current or should change to alternating. If this change were made, it would involve the replacement of considerable electric equipment, principally motors.

It is probable that the replacement of the boilers and the installation of automatic feed for them is the only step which will have to be taken before next fall, but the whole situation should be carefully analyzed by a competent engineer who should present for the Committee's consideration the various alternatives.

Involved in this situation also is the problem of care of plant and equipment, night watchman service, etc. At present Mr. Sargent acts as engineer as well as superintendent of grounds and buildings, and there is one man who does the firing and the routine work in the engine room. The night watchman operates the plant from 9 P.M. until 7 A.M., in addition to his duties as watchman. The fireman works every day, every other Sunday, and every other evening; Mr. Sargent works every other evening and every other Sunday. The time may come, and in the not far distant future, when the question of an eight-hour day for stationary engineers as well as the licensing of power plant attendants, may complicate our situation. It is entirely possible that at any time the watchman may be required to spend all of his time in the main building in addition to making the regular rounds which are now required.

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All of these factors must enter into the consideration of the problem before us.

The Moses Brown School Improvement Fund now amounts to $67,417.11. This fund was set up to take care of major improvements and it is probable that to it would have to be charged any expenses involved in extensive changes of this kind. It is recommended that a small committee be appointed to work with the Headmaster to bring to the Executive Committee specific recommendations for its consideration and that the sub-committee be authorized to engage such technical assistance as may be required.

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It has been the policy of the Committee for some years to recognize by a pension the services of staff members who have been here for more than twenty years and have reached the age of 65. Miss Crawford and Miss Lombard are not eligible for consideration, because of their limited period of service. Miss MacCorison has reached the age of 65 and has served more than the required twenty years. Miss Buffum has not yet reached 65 but has been here much longer than twenty years. The Committee will want to give consideration to the question of pensions for those eligible. In planning for next year, it is proposed to make a number of important changes in the organization of the housekeeping department (including kitchen and dining room).

Compensation Inusrance - Moses Brown School has for many years placed its compensation insurance with the Travelers Insurance Company. Recently the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company was permitted to check over our records and to submit comparative figures. It would appear from these that while we would pay approximately the same rate for our insurance in either company, the dividends which the Liberty Mutual has declared for a great many years would permit a substantial saving in this type of insurance. There may be factors in this situation which have not come to the Headmaster's attention, but the question is being raised for your consideration.

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Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were waived.

The Headmaster presented a report and the several items were carefully considered.

Compensation Insurance now placed with the Travelers' Insurance Company was recently checked by the Liberty Mutual Company. The question was raised as to whether a change in company would permit a substantial saving. L. Ralston Thomas and Charles H. White are appointed a committee to consider the matter further.

The question of Pensions was raised,with particular reference to the following who are planning to retire at the end of the present academic year: Annie E. MacCorison, Edith L. Buffum. Frances E. Wheeler and the Headmaster are appointed to give consideration to pensions for those retiring and to report at the next meeting.

A financial report was presented, viz: Balance Sheet as of Eleventh Month 30, 1940; Statement of Income and Expenditures, Seventh Month 1, 1940 to Eleventh Month 30, 1940; Cash Account for the same period. The report is received and ordered placed on file.

The important problem of power plant and equipment requires special study because of the unsatisfactory condition of the boilers.

L. Ralston Thomas and Gren O. Pierrel are appointed a committee to study the heating and lighting problems as to policy and future needs with authorization to engage a competent engineer as counsel, said committee to report at a future meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

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(Signed) Charles H. White
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To the Executive Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The question most frequently asked these days is "Do you have much illness at School?" Actually there has been a good deal of illness since the Christmas holiday, but relatively the School has been fortunate to escape with a better record than most of the schools in this community. Absences have run up to slightly above 10% for certain peak days, but there has been little serious illness, and little time has been missed by members of the faculty. How the present epidemic of grippe will turn cannot be predicted, but Moses Brown has had a phenomenally good record in epidemics, and it is to be hoped that this will be continued.

As a matter of information it will interest the Committee to know that the old Hope Street High School Property which abuts our grounds has been taken over by the Army as Headquarters for the Corps Area. According to the newspaper reports, 300 officers and enlisted men will be stationed there. For the enlisted personnel some of the building will be used as barracks. Whether demand will be made on us for use of athletic facilities during the spring and summer is a question which may have to be answered when we come to it.

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The question most frequently asked these days is "Do you have much illness at School?" Actually there has been a good deal of illness since the Christmas holiday, but relatively the School has been fortunate to escape with a better record than most of the schools in this community. Absences have run up to slightly above 10% for certain peak days, but there has been little serious illness, and little time has been missed by members of the faculty. How the present epidemic of grippe will turn cannot be predicted, but Moses Brown has had a phenomenally good record in epidemics, and it is to be hoped that this will be continued.

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The Headmaster's report was received and placed on file.

The Chairman is authorized to call a special meeting to consider the sub-committee's report in re Power Plant Survey when the information is ready.

There was informal discussion of the desirability of having calendars of the two Schools coincide as nearly as possible.

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Helen (Eldred) Brigham

Helen (Eldred) Brigham, wife of Deane N. Brigham, Head of the Moses Brown Lower School, died of pneumonia at the Homeopathic Hospital, Providence, January 29, after a short illness. Although Mrs. Brigham had not been in good health for some time, she had carried on with courage and cheerfulness.

The Brighams came to Moses Brown in 1931. In the years since then Mrs. Brigham, although she had had no official duties, had been closely identified with all the school activities. She had in addition, been active in community affairs including the Y.W.C.A., the Red Cross, and for several terms was President of the Service League of the Central Congregational Church.

As well as her husband, Mrs. Brigham leaves a daughter, Cynthia (seventeen), her parents, and a sister. Her passing is a great loss to the School and to her many friends.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The epidemic of grippe which has been prevalent in this community for the past six weeks, has caused considerable illness in the school group. Fortunately most of this has been light, and of short duration, but there have been many absences from classes. By comparison with other schools in the community, however, Moses Brown's excellent health record has continued. At the peak approximately 10% of the students were out of school, but very little time was lost by members of the faculty.

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Retirement of Staff - There will be a number of important changes in the staff at Moses Brown next summer. Annie E. MacCorison, Edith L. Buffum, Mary Eleanor Lombard, and Martha B. Crawford are planning to retire at the end of the present academic year. Miss MacCorison has been a member of the staff since 1910. Miss Buffum, after attending school here, returned as assistant in the art department

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and has been a teacher or assistant for 32 years. Miss Lombard and Miss Crawford have been at the School 15 and 14 years respectively. One cannot express adequate appreciation for the services rendered by these members of the staff, nor lay sufficient stress on the importance of their interest in their work and their cooperation with the administration over the years. They will be seriously missed.

Housekeeping Department Reorganized - It is proposed to reorganize the housekeeping staff on a somewhat different basis. Instead of having two coordinate positions of housekeeper and dietitian as at present, there will be a housekeeper who will have complete charge of all house arrangements; she in turn will have an assistant who will be responsible for the kitchen and dining room. At present there are two separate staffs in these departments. Under the new arrangement it will be possible to have one staff with certain individuals who will work in both departments depending on the need. It is hoped in this way that some saving in service can be effected.

College Entrance Examination Board - For many years a center for the examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board has been maintained at the School. All the boys of the Third and Fourth Forms have been required to take these examinations as preliminary examinations under the Plan A of the Board. For Fifth Formers, the examinations were required only for those boys who were entering college

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under the New Plan and for those boys who failed to certify in all the subjects of their Fifth Form year or were required by the colleges to which they made application to take examinations in specific subjects. In recent years the general tendency in preparatory schools of this kind has been to eliminate so far as possible the preliminary examinations and to send up candidates to college on the New Plan or on examinations of the last year only.

For several years it has been felt by the faculty at Moses Brown that the teaching here was being directed too much to the preparation for Board examinations and after a number of faculty discussions of the whole problem it was finally decided to adopt a new procedure for this year. Preliminary examinations will not be required of members of the sophomore and junior classes although these examinations will be available for those who wish to take them. There will not be an examination center at the School. The number of candidates for examinations probably will drop from approximately 100 to a third that number or less. There are both advantages and disadvantages in making this change, but it has been advised by certain college admission officers and the faculty believe the change should be made.

The School activities both in the classroom and outside have been carried on during the first half year in a satisfactory manner, but with few outstanding changes

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from other years excepting in music. In this department definite progress has been made in Glee Club, in Orchestra, and in the Music Appreciation Class. The work has not yet reached the standard which we should like to have at Moses Brown, but it may take some years to achieve that. Mr. Cleaves, however, is doing a good job and the interest and enthusiasm is noticeably greater.

All the new teachers this year have fitted into the life of the School very well. The School as a whole recognizes, I believe, in these days of stress and strain and discouragement in the world that we have a special privilege in being able to go about our work with a freedom denied most young people, and that we have a special responsibility to take advantage of the opportunities which are ours for building a good life.

Financial Statement - With this report are submitted financial statements covering the six months Seventh Month 1, 1940 - Twelfth Month 31, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas
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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools held at Moses Brown School on Second Month 4, 1941, the Clerk presiding and nine members present (Edward Lyman Brown, Charles F. Brown, Edward L. Macomber, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins, Margaret G. Sisson). Messages of regret were received from Rufus M. Jones, Clara W. Mumford, Moses Bailey, Willis H. White, Gren C. Pierrel, Ellen A. Winslow.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

In the absence of Frances Wheeler, Charles H. White read the revised report of the Committee on Reorganization dealing with the personnel and functions of the Lincoln School Board of Trustees and its relationship to the General Committee. This report was approved by the General Committee and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

'The Lincoln School Board of Trustees consists of members of the Moses Brown and Lincoln School Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England and a smaller number of Non-Friends nominated by the existing Lincoln School Board of Trustees and appointed by the Moses Brown and Lincoln School Committee. The Non-Friends are appointed in three groups to serve for terms of three years. Each of these groups represents the Lincoln School Club, which is the Alumnae Association of the school, the Lincoln School Council, which is the Parent-Teachers organization, and a group of loyal friends of the School, most of whom were members of the Lincoln School Board of Trustees before the school came under the ownership of Friends. The President of the Lincoln School Council is invited to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees ex officio.

The board meets three times a year usually on the day preceding the meeting of the Moses Brown and Lincoln School Committee. It receives the report of the Head Mistress and of the Executive Committee and discusses any matters brought to its attention by the Head Mistress, the Lincoln School Club, or the Lincoln School Council. It has power to act on all questions except those which would involve a major change in the policies of the School or a major expenditure of funds.

The Committee recommends that with the present set-up the question of appointing as Treasurer of Moses Brown School a member of the School Committee rather than a member of the School staff be deferred until the need for such a change becomes more apparent.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman '

As a meeting of the Committee on Labor Terms on Labor Unions will be held on the 20th instant, the Clerk, according to notice, presented the following members: Senator R. Brown, Senator G. Gordon, Senator C. Farley, Senator E. Sahm, Senator J. Tolly, Senator L. Hyde, Senator F. Collins, Assemblyman A. Brown, Assemblyman Thomas H. Jones, Assemblyman J. Jones, Assemblyman Willis U. Waite, Mr. O. Brown, Mr. Miller, Mr. Brown.

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In the absence of Senator Gordon, Senator R. Brown was elected chairman of the Committee on Resolutions dealing with the economic and financial conditions of the Dominion and a number of resolutions dealing with the Dominion General Board of Trade and a number of resolutions dealing with the economic conditions. The report was approved by the General Committee and ordered spread upon the minutes.

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The Recording Clerk was asked to send a copy of this report to the Secretary of the Lincoln School Board of Trustees.

The Committee also approved the recommendation contained in this report regarding the Treasurer of the Moses Brown School.

Charles White reported for the Nominating Committee in regard to possible names of ~~Non-Friends~~ to serve on the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools. He said that while various names are under consideration, the Nominating Committee is not yet ready to make definite suggestions. This report will be made at the next meeting of the General Committee.

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The report of the Executive Committee was read. As action in regard to providing for new boilers in the power house might have to be taken before the next meeting of the General Committee this matter was referred back to the Executive Committee with full power to take action as need arises.

Very interesting reports were given by Miss Babcock, head of the Modern Language Department of Lincoln School and Mr. Herman, in charge of Mathematics at Moses Brown.

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It would appear that our immediate problem is the installation of suitable boilers and decision on other matters in connection with the power, light, and heat can be deferred until later.

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A preliminary survey of the agencies would indicate that there is to be a shortage of qualified young men and it is necessary therefore for us to face the possibility of constant change in the younger teachers group and the necessity for either engaging older men who are beyond the draft age at considerably higher salaries than we have been accustomed to pay or using young men with little or no experience. The latter at best is hazardous, because even young men who are potentially good teachers are likely to be liabilities rather than assets to a school faculty until they have

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Buick - The Buick is five years old. It has rendered excellent service and very little has been spent on it for repairs. The time has come, however, when either it should be completely overhauled or a new car purchased. Even if the necessary work is done on it, its period of service is limited and any money spent will in no way increase the turn-in value of the car. It is the opinion of people who pretend to know, that in the not very distant future cars will increase in price, be made of cheaper and less durable materials, and be more difficult to secure. It is recommended, therefore, that the present car be turned in and the corresponding model be purchased. An offer of $350 has been made on the present car for a turn-in. This is considerably more than the figure at which it is carried on the books. The corresponding car, model '41, costs $1273.00 equipped, or the old car and $923.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Quaker Headmasters Conference - The headmasters of ten Quaker schools gathered at Moses Brown for a conference on Fourth Month 16 and 17. At this meeting, in addition to the consideration of a number of problems of school administration and management, there were discussed also the general attitudes and policies of Quaker schools toward situations which have arisen or may arise as a result of war conditions abroad and the probable course of United States policy.

The Quaker headmasters meet twice each year. The meetings are always friendly and intimate, the discussion informal, and the association stimulating. From the experiences of other schools and from the periods of worship, everyone receives help and inspiration. These probably are the most valuable conferences attended by anyone in the group and it was a privilege to have the spring meeting at Moses Brown this year.

Among the questions discussed were:

How to teach temperance
American Friends Service Committee vs. Friends schools
Preparatory school conferences
Student participation in school government
Education and spiritual preparedness
Guidance for the individual student
Social problems
Workshops for Friends and Junior Work Camps
Practical problems of administration
Meeting war pressures
The draft and our experiences with draft boards
How our teachers are being affected
Teachers and vacancies in Friends schools

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Junior High School Survey - Under the auspices of the Friends Council on Education, a survey of the work of the junior high departments of a number of Friends schools is taking place this year. Moses Brown and Lincoln are fortunate to be among the schools selected. These surveys have a number of values. In the first place, some objective judgment is given as to the quality of work which is being done, the soundness of the school's objectives, and the degree to which the teachers are aware of the objectives. Second, as a preliminary to the survey, there are many questions which must be answered by individual teachers as well as by teacher groups, and as a result a great deal of thought and group discussion is necessary. Possibly the preliminary work is in some respects of greater benefit to the staff than the actual survey itself, but from the study should come important values for participating schools.

Student Activities - The activities of the winter have been many and varied. The weekly talks on current events given by Everett B. Raines, of the history department, to the Upper School have been supplemented by outside speakers who have brought first-hand information of conditions abroad.

The work in public speaking has been rounded out by declamation contests for the Upper School boys.

In response to the request of student groups, two new clubs have been organized and have made good beginnings. The debating club has as yet had no outside competition, but has profited by more or less formal debates among themselves.

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The science club has had two good meetings and there is considerable enthusiasm which we hope will carry over to another year.

In dramatics the Proscenium Club, assisted by girls from the Lincoln School, presented a successful play before the spring holiday and Moses Brown boys participated also in a play at the Lincoln School.

Special mention should be made of the work of the Glee Club and Orchestra under the direction of Henry F. Cleaves. The work of these organizations has improved steadily during the winter, and considerable interest has been aroused also by the course in music appreciation which Mr. Cleaves has given to a group of boys who elected it. Probably at no time in the last decade has the singing of Moses Brown boys in assemblies been as consistently good as it is now.

Several times the music clubs of the two Schools have been together informally at Moses Brown and at Lincoln, and a week ago the combined musical organizations presented a program for parents. This included selections by the Glee Clubs independently and together, by the combined Orchestras, and music at the organ by Mr. Cleaves. It was well done and promises much for the future. Alumni Hall was well filled by interested parents and it was an appreciative audience.

The Lower School has continued also with its club work and the regular assemblies in Alumni Hall every Friday morning throughout the winter term. These assemblies also have been surprisingly well attended by parents and friends.

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In the athletic activities a successful season was brought to a close by the spring holiday. The Middlers, after turning out a championship football team in the fall, repeated their success in the winter in basketball by remaining undefeated and winning the league championship.

The track team, though not of championship caliber, was very good and in the Relays at Boston Garden tied last year's two-lap record and set a new record in the one-lap.

The winter season always is somewhat difficult because sports or athletic activity in some form is required of all boys of the Upper School (with very few exceptions) and our facilities for this are inadequate.

In the Lower School, because of lack of facilities as well as the desire of parents to have boys out of doors as much as possible, regular participation in afternoon activities is made optional and only about a third of the boys remain.

One of the problems which a school always faces is that of providing a sufficient number of activities so that all the boys in school may find and participate in some interesting group organization. At the same time it is easy to have many rather ineffective groups which cause a scattering of interest and often depend for their maintenance on the work of relatively few boys. Periodically the program is gone over in an effort to simplify it both in school and out, and no formula is ever discovered to help in the task.

Father and Son Day - Friday, Fifth Month 16th, is Father and Son Day. As has now been the custom for a decade,

the Parents Council appoint the general chairman and the chairmen of special committees. These in turn plan the program for the day.

There was some discussion this year as to the need for some new features in the day's activity, but after reviewing the situation, it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the present plan had become so much a tradition and was so thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that only slight modifications should be considered.

Mothers and fathers will be invited for the Lower School sports in the morning, but for the luncheon, the dinner, and the evening activities, only the fathers and their sons are here. It is a great day and we hope that most of you will be able to come for all or part of it.

Length of School Year - Several parents have raised with the Headmaster and with Miss Cole the question of a longer school year for the elementary departments. A census will be taken to see how general this desire is. There would be certain advantages both from point of view of parents and the School if there were aslightly longer term, but there are a number of problems which would be raised immediately. This, I assume, is a detail of administration which could be referred to the Executive Committee if after investigation some change in our program is necessary.

Staff - There will be a number of changes in the staff next year. In addition to those mentioned in the report of Second Month, matrimony and the draft will make the replacement of a number of the younger men necessary. Arrangements for

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new teachers have not been completed, but good progress has been made. It is always necessary for us to have a considerable group of young unmarried men for dormitory work. The uncertainties of the draft have made some serious problems. It is probable that once a man has begun the year's work, he will be permitted to continue to the end of his year. Even if this concession is made, however, there is every likelihood that a man appointed this spring may be called before fall. There is apparently no way to prevent this excepting by engaging men who have been excused or given high classifications for one reason or another, and the supply of these men, even if it were desirable to have them, is extremely small.

Enrollment - It is too early to make any predictions with regard to enrollment for next year. Our re-registration cards will not be sent out for another week, but so far as one can tell the re-registration will be about as usual. Registration of new boys is slow. Many people fear the effect of the new tax program and seem unwilling to commit themselves to increased expenditures another year until they know definitely what is to be expected of them. In general the reports of camp enrollment are reasonably good and schools usually follow the trend of the camps.

Commencement - On Sixth Month 5th we shall graduate a class of approximately forty-five boys, all but one of whom plan to go on to college or vocational school. At the Baccalaureate exercises on Sixth Month 1st, Reverend Ashley Day Leavitt of the Harvard Church, Brookline, Massachusetts, will

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be the speaker and we are happy to say that Rufus Jones is scheduled for the Commencement address. We hope that many members of the Committee can be present at one or both of these exercises.

Buildings and Grounds-The most pressing problem so far as plant maintenance is concerned, is the problem of the power house. During the winter the survey made by a representative of the Narragansett Electric Company was completed and the special committee appointed by the Executive Committee engaged Professor Kenerson, head of the Engineering Department at Brown University, to check this survey and to advise us as to the proper procedure. The whole matter has been gone into thoroughly and the Committee decided to install two boilers of the same general type as we are using at present. Contracts will be let with the understanding that delivery can be made during the early part of the summer and the installation of new boilers completed before the opening of school. A decision as to oil burning equipment was postponed until the Committee knew exactly the type of boiler to be used, but that matter now will be taken up and we hope to obtain the equipment best suited to our needs. The contract for the two boilers is at a price of $8150. This does not include the necessary piping and power house changes nor the fuel equipment, but is for the boilers and their installation.

Within the week the hedge dividing the so-called Sack Property from our front campus has been taken down and the newly acquired land is nowobviously part of our grounds.

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Very little remains to be done. Some reseeding will be necessary, and we want to plant a few low evergreens at the corner. The addition of this land has been a real asset to the School and has caused much favorable comment from our friends.

With the power plant as a major piece of summer work, it is planned not to undertake more than routine maintenance and repairs this summer.

Financial Statement - With this report are submitted the statement of assets and liabilities, the comparison of income and expenditures with the budget, and the cash account for the period Seventh Month 1st, 1940 - Third Month 31st, 1941.

Gifts - The School has received a number of small gifts including a set of records of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, check for ten dollars from Sue Smiley Underhill, a book of poems from Calvin B. Heller, by the author, and a catalogue of the School of 1854 from Albert Boyden. We appreciate this thoughtfulness on the part of our friends.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at Moses Brown School Fifth Month 5th, 1941, Present: Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, L. Ralston Thomas, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Letters from Annie E. MacCorison and Edith L. Buffum were read in appreciation of pensions granted by the Executive Committee.

The Committee appointed with power to purchase and install new boilers in the power plant, reported that a contract had been signed with the Bigelow Company for the purchase of two horizontal return tubular boilers at a cost of $8150. (Eighty-one Hundred and Fifty Dollars).

The Executive Committee recommends that the Committee authorize the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds to pay from the Improvement Fund sums not to exceed $15,000. for the installation of boilers and power plant equipment.

The subject of insurance on the school property was discussed particularly as to whether the School should be insured with stock or mutual companies. Charles H. White was asked to secure the facts and enlighten the Committee at its next session.

Financial reports were presented as follows: balance sheet as of 3 month 31, 1941 -- cash account 7 month 1, 1940 to 3 month 31, 1941 -- statement of income and expenditures as of 7 month 1, 1940 to 3 month 31, 1941. Complete reports are appended herewith.

The meeting then concluded.

(Signed) Charles H. White

Recording Clerk

At a meeting of the Committee on Loses Brown and Lincoln Schools, held at Loses Brown Branch on [illegible] 5th, 1941, Alexander C. Purdy, the clerk, presiding and the following members present: Loses Valley, Charles H. Brown, Edward Lynch Brown, Edward L. Macomber, Clara M. [illegible], Margaret [illegible], [illegible], Donald [illegible], Thomas [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Charles [illegible], Elton A. [illegible], [illegible]. Word of Willis [illegible] was received with regret and the recording clerk was asked to send him a note of greeting from the Committee. Word was received, also, from Sarah [illegible] Swift, who regretted her inability to be present.

Letters were read from Edith L. [illegible] and Annie [illegible] Macfarlane expressing their thanks for the pension arrangement made for them. The Committee decided that to these two members of the staff, and to Bertha [illegible] Crawford and Mary Eleanor [illegible], who also are retiring this year, should be sent the following minute of appreciation for their years of service to the Schools: "The Committee on Loses Brown and Lincoln School wishes at this time to express to you its deepest appreciation for the [illegible] of faithful service at Loses Brown, and to wish you years of happiness in your period of retirement."

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circularized with the following correction: The sentence beginning "Charles White reported for the Nominating Committee" should read "Charles White reported for the Nominating Committee [illegible] to [illegible] names of persons to serve on the Committee on Loses Brown and Lincoln Schools to be appointed by this Committee as authorized by the Yearly Meeting."

Charles H. White reported for the Committee appointed to bring in names of additional members (who might be [illegible]) to the Committee on Loses Brown and Lincoln Schools as authorized by the Yearly Meeting. The Committee was

unanimous in recommending the name of William Webster for a two year period and T. Dwight Boole for three years. This recommendation met with general approval, and Charles H. White was asked to invite them to serve on our Committee.

Extracts were read from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of Third Month 17th, 1941 and Fifth Month 5th, 1941. The actions of the Executive Committee met with the approval of the General Committee.

The Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools hereby authorizes the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds to pay from the Moses Brown School Improvement Fund sums not to exceed a total of $15,000 for the installation of boilers, power plant equipment, etc.

The question of a sign or signs for the Moses Brown School grounds was discussed and the Executive Committee was asked to give this matter further consideration.

The Headmaster's report was read, approved and ordered placed on file, as was the Treasurer's report for Moses Brown School.

The report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School, also, was approved. The financial statement of the Lincoln School was approved and ordered placed on file.

As the dates for the Committee meetings this year have proved satisfactory, the following corresponding dates for next year were approved: Tenth Month 7th, 1941, Second Month 3rd, 1942, Fifth Month 5th, 1942. The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 26th, 1941, at the rise of the evening meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Margaret G. Sisson

Recording Clerk

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Recording Clerk

To the Executive Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

During the Headmaster's absence, Mr. Henderson, Miss Weeks, Mr. Jernquist, and the other members of the staff carried on the work of the School so that there were no serious interruptions in the program.

A class of forty-six was graduated on Sixth Month 6th. This is one of the largest classes in the history of the School. Practically all of these boys have enrolled in the colleges of their choice, and as far as we know all of these graduates expect to go on to higher institutions.

The contract for two new boilers in the power house was awarded to the Bigelow Company of New Haven, Connecticut, on Fifth Month 7th. The price finally agreed upon was $8447 instead of $8150, the bid originally submitted. This increase was due to the fact that the material available when the bid was submitted was used for another purpose, and our boilers are now to be made from larger sheets, on which there will be some waste. It was the opinion of the sub-committee that we should accept the increase and get the order placed without further delay. The company has agreed to ship the first boiler about Seventh Month 1st, but we shall not begin to dismantle our plant until the new material has arrived. No decision has yet been reached with regard to the oil feed equipment for these boilers. Mr. Kenerson, who is acting as our engineering adviser, has been working on this problem with Mr. Sargent. Under ordinary circumstances the problem would be a difficult one, but it is now further complicated by the effect of government priorities on all material of this kind. It may be that we shall find it expedient for the present to

add to the equipment we are now using rather than to install completely new apparatus. As soon as definite recommendations are available, they will be turned over to the sub-committee for decision.

The situation with regard to fuel oil for next year is also a matter of some concern. We have made an agreement with the American Oil Company (Mexican-Petroleum) from whom we have purchased for many years. Under this arrangement we shall continue to purchase fuel at the market plus the usual delivery charge, but it was not possible this year to secure an upset price. It is probable that no better arrangement could have been made with any other company, and the best advice we could get would indicate that this is not the time to switch to another source of supply. It seems probable that even if there is a restriction on the type of fuel oil we use, we shall be able to get enough to take care of our minimum needs.

Excepting for the work in the power house, no major alterations or improvements in the plant are planned for the summer. There will be the usual maintenance and repair (papering, painting, minor carpentry work) but this will be kept to as modest a figure as possible.

The budget for the summer will be presented to the Finance Committee before the beginning of the new fiscal year.

In order to provide sufficient cash for summer needs, it is recommended that the Committee permit Moses Brown School to borrow from the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds sums not to exceed $10,000 for summer expenses. This is in accordance with the usual custom, although it has not been necessary for the School to make use of this minute for some years.

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The Headmaster would like to ask the approval of the Committee also for the use of the school Buick for a trip to the West with Mrs. Thomas during the latter part of Seventh Month and Eighth Month.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

P.S. - Although I am not permitted by the doctor to attend Yearly Meeting this year, I am now able to be in the office for part of each day, and have taken up my work again. The Moses Brown School section of the Committee's report to the Yearly Meeting, and the usual financial statement will be available, and the Scholarship Committee will have the material it needs in making its decision with regard to scholarship funds.

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-second annual report.

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In a year which has seen destruction rained upon civilian life abroad and unprecedented assaults upon the lives of children, we cannot adequately give thanks for our fortunes of time and place. Uncertain as are the days ahead, in this hour we acknowledge the blessing of another year lived in the peaceful and humane pursuits of a school. As a year added to the history of Moses Brown, it has not been conspicuously different from the many before it. It has brought its measure of happiness and sorrow, of change and renewal, of aims and accomplishments--all in the paths of peace.

The enrollment for 1940-41 was satisfactory. Three hundred and forty-eight boys, of whom 11 were Friends, were divided about as they were last year, 149 in the Lower School and 199 in the Upper. Seven boys were English evacuees, and one was an International Schoolboy Fellowship Student from England. Sixty-four boys lived in the House.

In Ninth Month the appointment of Basil G. Meserve as Adviser was an important and timely extension of the School's efforts to provide increased attention to the individual student. Continuing his teaching of English, Basil Meserve gave much time and sympathetic understanding to the problems of the individual student, and promoted closer cooperation between the home and the School. His work produced excellent results.

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Noteworthy progress was made in the encouragement of student interest in music. The Glee Club and the Orchestra, both larger than in recent years, improved the quality of their performances. For each of these organizations, as well as for a group interested in music appreciation, in addition to out-of-school time one class period a week was set aside in the school program. Fifty-seven boys were enrolled in these three groups. In Fourth Month the combined musical organizations of Moses Brown and Lincoln School gave a concert, which was well attended by parents and friends.

Other activities without exception enjoyed continued successful existence. Two new clubs, a debating and a science club, attracted good numbers to membership. The revival of interest in debating was especially encouraging because it occurred among boys in the lower forms who will sustain it next year.

On First Month 29 the School suffered a great loss in the death of Helen (Eldred) Brigham, wife of Deane N. Brigham, head of the Lower School. A member of the school family since 1931, Helen Brigham early made for herself a place in the interests and regard of the whole School and the community outside. Through several church and social activities, which she served cheerfully and generously, she added many friendships to those she had at School. We sincerely mourn her passing.

As authorized by the Yearly Meeting for 1939 (Minute 54) the School Committee was enlarged by the addition of two members, T. Dwight Boole and William Webster. For several years both men have been identified with the School through their sons and have been active in promoting its welfare.

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The eleventh annual Father and Son Day could hardly have been more successful. Ideal weather and a full course of sports events attracted hundreds of fathers and mothers to the morning part of the program. A varsity ball game and tennis and softball games between fathers and sons pleasantly filled the afternoon. At the banquet four hundred fathers and sons heard Richard M. Gummere, Director of Admission, Harvard University, recall many happy associations his family has had with the School.

The opening meeting of the Fourth Annual Rhode Island World Affairs Week was held in Alumni Hall, Third Month 16, under the sponsorship of Rhode Island Friends. At this meeting Irene Pickard, formerly a director of the Friends Hostel in Geneva, was the speaker.

Late in the spring the Quaker Headmasters Group held their annual spring meeting at the School. Ten heads of member schools were present at the two-day conference for informal discussion of problems of administration and general policy.

At the invitation of the Friends Council on Education the School participated in the Junior High School Study sponsored by the Council. Joseph A. Vansant, chairman of the Study, spent three days observing seventh, eighth, and ninth grade classes, and in a meeting with the teachers of these grades presented stimulating preliminary comments. His report will be valuable in a careful reexamination of the curriculum and whole program for the grades involved.

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By decision of the faculty the School abandoned its requirement of preliminary examinations under the College Entrance Examination Board for boys in the third and fourth forms. In effect for at least fifteen years, the requirement was abandoned only after careful consideration and in view of changing conditions in college entrance. One significant result of the decision was that only 9 boys took the June College Entrance Examination Board examinations instead of about 100 in the last year or two.

On the first rainy Commencement which the School has had in twenty years, 46 boys were awarded their diplomas. Rufus M. Jones, celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his own graduation from Moses Brown, with his humor and wisdom charmed the large audience into complete indifference to the inclement weather. His memorable address lays his Alma Mater under heavy obligation which his loyalty makes her proud to own.

In the improvement of the School's physical equipment only one major piece of work will be undertaken this summer. Two new boilers are to be installed in the Power House. Because of the National Emergency, the work will be carried out only if delivery of the materials is not held up by government priorities.

For completeness this report now lacks mention of one important consideration--changes in the staff. Ten members will not be with us next fall. Two Upper School teachers have been called into national service, three have married and moved on to other positions or to graduate study, and one Lower School teacher has accepted another position. The remaining four

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resignations come from the retirement of Martha B. Crawford, who has been teacher of the Second Primary for fourteen years; Mary E. Lombard, who has been School Dietitian for fifteen years; Annie E. MacCorison, who has been Housekeeper at Moses Brown for thirty-one years; and Edith L. Buffum, who as student, librarian, and teacher of art has been connected with the School for thirty-seven years. We shall miss each of these good friends --Miss Crawford for the high seriousness and benefits of world travel which she brought to her work; Miss Lombard for her loyalty and devotion to duty, no less than for the excellence of the fare she provided; Miss MacCorison for the undivided loyalty she inspired in those under her direction and for her zeal in making Cleanliness a living gospel; and Miss Buffum for her lambent humor, true understanding of young people, and wisdom in council. That the years may be gracious unto them is the common wish of all they leave behind.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

The Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools met, according to custom, during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Ocean Park, Maine, in sixth month, 1941; this committee met on Thursday, the 26th, at nine in the evening. Fifth day.

Present: Frances E. Wheeler, Lucy A. Wheeler, Clara W. Mumford, Rufus M. Jones, Willis H. White, Charles H. White, Lyra Wolkins, and Moses Bailey. The last named was asked to record the proceedings.

Marion G. Cole, Headmistress of Lincoln School, having called our attention to the fact that scholarship funds are this year available to the extent of $2900, in contrast to $3500 last year, presented the following recommendations regarding their use: ~~Russell~~

In the absence, on account of sickness, of the Headmaster of Moses Brown, the following recommendations were received from him:.....

The committee approves these recommendations, and is united in awarding the scholarship funds according to these schedules. It is understood that the head of each school will exercise their own judgment in making changes in detail regarding this distribution.

The committee deeply regrets the illness of Ralston Thomas at this time, but feels gratitude that he is now on the way to recovery. We trust that health and strength may rapidly return.

Moses Bailey
Secretary for the evening.

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Present: Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, L. Ralston Thomas, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, Charles H. White.

Minutes of the meeting held Fifth Month 5, 1941, previously circulated, were reviewed.

The Headmaster reported on the progress of the new boilers' being installed in the power plant and spoke of the difficulties ensuing because of priorities. The final cost is estimated at $12,975.

Enrollment this year, 325 boys; Upper School, 183; Lower School 142.

The Headmaster raised the subject of ways and means of increasing the enrollment of the School in general but more specifically with reference to the House Department. It was suggested that perhaps the time may have come to put a man on full time to solicit boys. The Headmaster has asked Mr. Davis, representing the advertising agency for the School, for data and this, with information from other sources, will help in reaching a decision.

The Headmaster spoke of faculty changes and stated that Deane Brigham, who has been in charge of the Lower School for ten years, is tendering his resignation to become effective sometime this fall. Mr. Brigham plans to enter the business field.

The Headmaster stated that the School had been solicited for membership in the Providence Chamber of Commerce. It is the sense of this Committee that the School should not take out a membership at present.

The whole matter of vault supervision, care of material, etc. was discussed. It was suggested that the Headmaster confer with Dr. Wroth, Custodian of the John Carter Brown Library, as to the advisability of transferring some of the material now contained in the Moses Brown School Vault to the John Carter Brown Library. The Headmaster is requested to refer

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such information as he may secure to the Vault Committee.

The Executive Committee is unanimous in granting the Headmaster such rest periods as he may deem necessary during the school year to thoroughly regain his health.

The Executive Committee recommends to the General Committee that the Finance Committee draw up a budget and present same to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for consideration and adoption.

The Executive Committee approves holding regular meetings as follows: Tenth Month 6, 1941
Twelfth Month 8, 1941
Second Month 2, 1942
Third Month 16, 1942
Fifth Month 4, 1942.

The meeting then concluded.

(Signed) Charles H. White
Clerk

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Twelfth Month 8, 1941

Second Month 2, 1942

Third Month 16, 1942

Fifth Month 4, 1942.

The meeting then concluded.

(Signed) Charles H. White

Clerk

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.
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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

In beginning School on Ninth Month 17, 1941,-we were aware of many changes which have taken place since last year. Edith L. Buffum, Annie E. MacCorison, Mary E. Lombard, and Martha B. Crawford, for many years members of our staff, are no longer with us. You who come here to the School only occasionallywill miss them as we do. There have been a number of other changes also in the staff, some of them occurring just before the opening of school, and a number of modifications have been made in the school program. This is indeed a changing world and we have been conscious of the problems which we share not only with other schools and colleges but with institutions of all kinds. When school opened, however, we found ourselves with a good enrollment (although slightly below last year's) and a teaching force which seems considerably better than we had anticipated a few weeks ago. We are therefore facing the year with enthusiasm and optimism, in spite of the many problems which are inevitable in the situation today.

The enrollment this year is as follows:

UPPER SCHOOL	183	LOWER SCHOOL	142	TOTAL	325
House	49	House	8		57
Day	134	Day	134		268

By comparison with a year ago at this time, there are in the Upper School 7 fewer house boys, 4 fewer day boys; in the Lower School, one more house boy and 4 fewer day boys.

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At Commencement last spring there was graduated a class of 46 boys, all but two of whom entered college. In addition, a number of those who might have benefited by another year of preparation were admitted to college. The policy of the colleges in accepting larger freshman classes to compensate for the loss of juniors and seniors resulted, so far as we were concerned, in a smaller number of candidates in the upper forms. Probably this condition will continue until the war is over. We are pleased that the enrollment has held up, and in the lower forms of the Upper School we have more than maintained our position of a year ago. We have a fine group of boys and a great opportunity to make this year for them a happy and profitable experience.

One of the major changes in organization was the appointment of Gertrude N. Seidel as Housekeeper, responsible for all the housekeeping, including kitchen and dining room. She has an experienced dietitian, May R. Bosworth, as an assistant. It is a difficult and exacting position, but Mrs. Seidel is doing an extremely fine job, and we are delighted to have found someone with her character, training, and experience.

There were a number of changes among the younger men, and after the staff arrangements had been completed, the resignation of a master who had been here one year, and of one of the new men, created vacancies for which we could not find satisfactory candidates. At the last minute, therefore, there was a rearrangement of teaching assignments and we have managed to set up

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a program with two less men than last year; this seems to be working out very well.

The course in Oral English, which has for several years been somewhat independent of the regular English work, was discontinued as a separate subject and made part of the English course. To provide for this, an extra period per week was added to the First, Second, and Third Form English schedule. All English classes in the Upper School now meet five times each week.

The work in Music has been continued as part of the program and there has been increased interest in all three groups, Orchestra, Glee Club, and Music Appreciation.

In the Second Form the History course which has heretofore been given three periods a week as World History, is now being given as Ancient History, four periods a week, in order that it may be counted as a credit for college for those boys who do satisfactory work.

The new men in the Upper School are as follows: Harold D. Reese, with B.A. and M.A. from Pennsylvania State College, teacher of Mathematics, with experience in the public schools of Pennsylvania; W. Roberts Pedrick, graduate of Dickinson College and instructor there last year, teacher of Biology and Chemistry; Norman Eyster, graduate of Tufts College, formerly at Monson Academy, teacher of elementary Latin and English; Charles W. Hutton, A.B. College of Wooster, M.A. Ohio State University, teacher at Westtown School last year, in charge of the Physics

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In the Lower School the new teachers are Ruth Burrowes, who will have charge of the Second Primary (she graduated from Friends Select School, Ursinus College, and has studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia; her experience has been at the Stevens-Hoboken Academy); Ruth E. Holbrook (graduate of Thayer Academy and Miss Wheelock's School of Kindergarten Training) will be Assistant in the Primary Grades; B. Miller Eves has been appointed assistant in the Intermediate Grades; he is a graduate of George School (where his father has been an assistant principal for many years), and has his A.B. and A.M. from Colorado College.

Summer Work - The painting and papering this summer was much the same in quantity as in other years, but all other repairs were kept at a minimum and in a number of instances those listed for attention were eliminated altogether because we were unable to get carpenters at anything but an exhorbitant figure. Absolutely necessary work was done. Repairs to mechanical equipment have been extremely difficult because of our inability to secure parts and material. The buildings and plant, however, are in good condition excepting for two or three machines for which parts have been on order for several months. The School has a good priority rating, but even with this, orders come through very slowly.

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Boilers cont. 8150
add 297
Tubes adj 105
Tyrrell 1590
Mather 2173
Labor 110
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" Main. 2000
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The Headmaster's report was read, and each of the items discussed had the interest and attention of the Committee. Progress on the boiler situation, details as to the teaching staff and events thus far in the school year were the principal topics presented.

The financial experience of the School for the period beginning Seventh Month 1st to Eleventh Month 30th was presented in written form.

The Finance Committee's recommendation of the budget for the current school year was presented and adopted as the budget for this school year.

The housekeeping and kitchen problems appear to be under excellent supervision according to the Headmaster's informal report.

Charles H. White informally reported as to the relative merits of stock and mutual fire insurance companies, showing that the rates are the same with an anticipated saving on annual premiums of 20% if the mutual companies are used.

The Committee approved the suggestion that the matter of placing some of our fire insurance in mutual companies as existing policies mature be left to the discretion of Charles H. White and the Headmaster.

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The Headmaster's report was read, and each of the items discussed had the interest and attention of the Committee. Progress on the boiler situation, details as to the teaching staff and events thus far in the school year were the principal topics presented.

The financial experience of the School for the period beginning Seventh Month 1st to Eleventh Month 30th was presented in written form.

The Finance Committee's recommendation of the budget for the current school year was presented and adopted as the budget for this school year.

The housekeeping and kitchen problems appear to be under excellent supervision according to the Headmaster's informal report.

Charles H. White informally reported as to the relative merits of stock and mutual fire insurance companies, showing that the rates are the same with an anticipated saving on annual premiums of 20% if the mutual companies are used.

The Committee approved the suggestion that the matter of placing some of our fire insurance in mutual companies as existing policies mature be left to the discretion of Charles H. White and the Headmaster.

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Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circularized, were waived.

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During the fall, Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools have continued to find opportunities for closer student co-operation in activities of mutual interest. The Glee Clubs and Orchestras have held rehearsals together, there has been one informal dance involving house groups of the schools, and it is hoped to have others in the future (these, in addition to the regularly scheduled tea dances). Lincoln School girls and teachers were invited to the Book Fair which the Scribners Bookstore held in Alumni Hall for two days, and it is anticipated that the dramatic group at Lincoln and the Moses Brown Proscenium Club will continue to exchange talent.

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The teas for parents, held on three successive days in November, were as successful as usual, and the Parents' Council has asked that these be continued.

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Gifts - In closing, acknowledgment should be made of gifts which have come to the School: from Daniel Morris (the school policeman), a pair of crutches; from the Estate of Charles H. Woodbury (the artist), a beautiful seascape (on indefinite loan); from "Slick" (E.H.) Straight, the loan for the duration of the war of a portable emergency light and large wet battery for use in the Infirmary (in addition, the battery is being replaced on the fifteenth of each month so that it

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A letter was read from the head of the school in England from which John R. Eaves came last year as an exchange student under the International Schoolboy Fellowship.

Marion Cole read the report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School and a summary of the Treasurer's report, both of which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Ralston Thomas' report of Moses Brown, together with the financial report were also approved and ordered placed on file.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Marion Cole read the report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School and a summary of the Treasurer's report, both of which were approved and ordered placed on file.

Ralston Thomas' report of Moses Brown, together with the financial report were also approved and ordered placed on file.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Moses Brown, like all other institutions, faces a multiplicity of problems. Immediately before the spring holiday, the shortage of fuel became acute in this vicinity and there was a week of uncertainty as to whether we should have sufficient deliveries to meet our minimum needs. To conserve wherever possible, the swimming pool was emptied and the use of hot water and steam reduced to a minimum. Boys and staff cooperated excellently and we came through to the end of the term with oil in the tanks. The warm weather at that time contributed to our success. During that period and since, we have used the Diesel engine whenever possible and have been able to reduce our normal oil consumption considerably. The oil deliveries have been made on schedule and so far as can be seen now, we shall have sufficient fuel for the next six weeks, at which time the boilers will be taken out of commission for the summer.

In looking ahead to next year, one of the problems will be that of fuel. It appears probable that next winter the shortage of Bunker C fuel oil will be serious. Perhaps enough oil will be brought in by tank car to meet the minimum needs of this community. Should we assume that this will be so, or should we make some other plan? One possibility would be to shift one of our boilers to coal and try to accumulate during the summer enough coal in reserve to

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get us over a few weeks, in the event of our being unable to secure enough oil. If we were to decide to do this, will it be possible for us to buy grates and a new front for a boiler? Would it be possible for us to secure delivery of coal?

There are two other problems also which grow out of the fuel shortage. The relatively unimportant one has to do with athletic trips. We have not as yet made any modification in our athletic schedule for this spring or for next year. We have assumed there were so many uncontrollable factors involved that it would be better for us to cross the bridges as we came to them. The longer team trips which cannot be made by train probably will be given up, and as soon as a definite rationing of gasolene becomes effective, we shall go to work on a much modified program.

A very much more serious problem affects the transportation of students to and from school. Parents have said very little about this, but with our students distributed as widely as they are through the community and outside the city, there is no doubt that our enrollment will be affected. Up to this time school buses used exclusively for the transportation of pupils to and from school have had some priority with respect to rubber. The Headmaster has no information as to whether gasolene will be available for "non defense" work of this kind or whether buses could be hired or purchased for this purpose. It is a question also whether "new" bus routes will be permitted.

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Enrollment - When registration cards were sent out after the spring holiday, they were accompanied by a short letter asking parents to send in the re-registration promptly or, if that could not be done, to let us know what the situation is. The immediate response was very good. Now, however, the cards are coming in very slowly and obviously many parents are uncertain. The new enrollment is good for this time of year, and 20 new boys have been entered. Normally we require about 60-70 new boys to maintain our losses due to graduation and withdrawal.

Staff - The situation with respect to the staff for next year is critical. Probably six of our younger men will be lost to us. This is practically all of the young men. Other young single men are not available to take their places. If we provide for and engage young married masters so far as possible, we may find ourselves in a situation similar to this year, with these men also called into service. With our present arrangement, we can provide one small apartment and one four-room and bath suite for married men. We shall endeavor to fill our two most important teaching posts with men who will occupy these quarters. It is probable that we shall have to include one or two women in our Upper School teaching group. Because of the uncertainty as to enrollment, all the places will not be filled immediately.

It will be of interest to the Committee to know that at the end of the winter term Alexander M. Blackburn, formerly

principal of the Friends Locust Valley School, was appointed as a substitute for W. Roberts Pedrick, who at that time was on indefinite leave. When Mr. Pedrick returned after the holiday, Mr. Blackburn was continued as an extra teacher in anticipation of further staff changes. Leo H. Cole, for many years in charge of the Studio, entered the Service in Third Month as a Naval Hospital Apprentice. No effort has been made to fill his place for this year. Mr. Blackburn took over the general supervision of the Studio and is doing special work in Latin. In making arrangements for next year we shall endeavor to secure from the School of Design a part-time teacher for the arts and crafts work.

Health - Over the years Moses Brown has had an unusually good health record. There have been times when we have had mild flare-ups of grippe or contagious disease, but these generally have been of short duration. This winter, since the last meeting of the Committee, we have had a steady succession of cases of measles and mumps with some German measles. Until recently these cases have been confined to a few of the Lower School groups, with a scattering in the Upper School. One day last week we had twelve new cases and there have been new cases almost every day since. Fortunately few of the boys have been seriously ill, but a great deal of school time has been lost. Probably we shall continue to have illness of this kind until the close of the School.

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The State is recommending, and possibly will require, some modification of the courses in Mathematics and Science in the secondary schools. Our Mathematics work, following the College Entrance Examination Board syllabus, already covers more than these requirements. In general the same can be said

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of the Science, excepting that there may have to be some change in emphasis.

There is considerable demand on the secondary schools for special courses of all kinds. Fortunately these are not favored by service authorities, who are much more concerned to have the regular secondary work thoroughly done. We believe too, that the secondary schools have an obligation to maintain, so far as possible, their educational programs, especially to maintain the quality of the work in these serious days. It seems to us that the test to be used in the establishment of any special courses, either within or outside the regular curriculum, should be "Do they have sound educational value?"

The activities of the winter have been many and varied. The Bulletin, which you all receive, keeps you ~~you~~ somewhat in touch with these.

Perhaps special mention should be made of the drive for books for the United Service Organization, 650 books of all kinds being contributed by boys and teachers. This was under the Student Activities Committee.

The Class in First Aid has completed its work and taken the formal examination. The results of these examinations are not yet known, but no doubt the boys and masters have done well. The doctor in charge said that it was the best class with which he had worked this year.

The Declamation Contest was completed yesterday with more boys participating than at any time in recent years.

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This work is in a sense extra-curricular, but it has an important place in our program.

One of the most pleasant occasions was a concert by Ellen Repp, whose accompaniments were played by Mrs.Thomas. Parents and School are pleased by the growing interest in good music.

In the Bulletin this year there has appeared a series of articles with the following titles: TODAY'S BOY; TODAY'S TEACHER; TODAY'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL; TODAY'S PARENTS. These articles have been well received and special commendation has been given by a number of the heads of other Friends schools. The articles have endeavored to present the point of view of those of us at Moses Brown on important questions. It probably cannot be said that all of us would subscribe unanimously to every point made, but the job has been well done, and William Paxton, head of the English department, deserves credit for them. I hope you have read them all.

The Lower School Exhibition was held on Fourth Month 30th. For a number of years the same general plan has been followed in presenting this material for the information of parents and friends of the School. This year a change was made and an exhibition of the work of all the classes was centered around the general theme of Transportation. It was an interesting and colorful exhibit and many visitors came to see it.

Father and Son Day is scheduled for Fifth Month 15th. Excepting that a track meet has been substituted for the usual Varsity baseball game, the program will be much the same as in

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other years. The question as to the desirability of modifying our program this year was discussed by the Fathers Committee, but it was decided that for this year we should make a special effort to provide all the usual items. J.Harold Williams, Chief Scout Executive for Rhode Island, will be the dinner speaker. Rufus C. Fuller, a graduate of Moses Brown, who now has two sons in School, is the General Chairman for the Day.

Baccalaureate and Commencement - Approximately forty boys will be graduated at the Commencement Exercises on Sixth Month fourth. Alexander Purdy will be our Baccalaureate speaker and the Commencement Address will be given by Sterling Power Lamprecht of Amherst College.

Summer Work - It is of course important to keep the summer program of maintenance and repair to a minimum. At the same time the plant must be kept in good condition. Considerable painting should be done, and there will be the usual papering of dormitory rooms. Little equipment will (or can) be purchased, but an effort will be made to have everything in shape for the opening of school. The usual spring spraying program will have to be carried out and considerable spraying will have to be done for Japanese beetles if the materials can be secured by the concerns which do the work.

Finances - A summary of income and expenditures and the budget estimate for the period Seventh Month 1st, 1941, to Third Month 31st, 1942, and the cash account for the same period is submitted with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

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Expressions of appreciation for his long years of service to this Committee were voiced.

The Recording Clerk being absent, L. Ralston Thomas was appointed Recording Clerk for the day.

The Minutes of the meeting held at the School in Second Month were approved as circularized.

In the Minutes of Second Month 3rd, no notation was made of the formal approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Tenth Month 7th. These are hereby formally approved.

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These reports were all accepted and ordered filed.

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Approval was given to the following dates for meetings of this Committee next year:

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-third annual report.

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With all the tragedy, confusion, and doubt in the world about us, the School has faced this year a multiplicity of problems, and yet, in summing up the year's activities, one is struck by the relatively few important changes which have taken place.

We began the year with an enrollment slightly smaller than a year ago, 325 boys, of whom 183 were in the Upper School and 142 in the Lower. The most noticeable changes have been in the staff, especially among the young men, many of whom have been called into Service. Some of these men went during last summer, one immediately before the opening of school, and several during the school year itself. There will be further changes before the beginning of another year. These changes have necessitated the appointment of new men and the rearrangement of teaching assignments, but the faculty has without exception cooperated fully in maintaining the School's educational program.

Deane N. Brigham, head of the Lower School for a decade, resigned in the fall. J. Drisko Allen, master in charge of the Fourth Intermediate Grade, took over Deane Brigham's duties and has now been appointed head of the Lower School. One of the most serious problems which confronts us immediately is the maintenance of an adequate staff.

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The activities of the year have been many and varied. Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools have continued to find opportunities for closer student cooperation in affairs of mutual interest. The Glee Clubs and Orchestras have worked together, the Dramatic Clubs of the two Schools have exchanged talent, and there have been a number of formal and informal social occasions.

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The Student Activities Committee, under the leadership of a small group of Fifth Form boys, became an effective instrument in carrying forward many important student projects. They contributed 105% of the quota established for them in the Providence Community Fund Drive, participated in the Red Cross Campaign, and made donations to the American Friends Service Committee, American Farm School in Greece, Caney Creek Community Center, Hampton Institute, American Foundation for the Blind.

This student committee also assisted with the organization of the air raid and blackout drills, a first aid course, and made other important contributions to the life of the School. The class in First Aid consisted of 28 boys and masters, who, under the leadership of a local doctor, completed the standard course and were awarded certificates. In addition, a number of teachers took courses with other groups in the community. Many members of the staff have participated in the local civilian defense organization. The Moses Brown grounds and the properties abutting it were designated as Sector E, District 37. The Headmaster, as Sector Warden, and five of the masters as wardens, attended the Wardens' School. Moses Brown has held air raid and blackout drills and has met the local defense requirements.

For this summer the Committee has granted permission for the use of the athletic fields and the gymnasium for a play group under the auspices of the Providence Parents' League, to provide for some of the children who will be remaining in town because of war conditions.

The fields have been made available, also, for recreational purposes to the men of the Sixth Corps Headquarters which abuts our property.

The Parents Council has continued its constructive interest in the School and the affairs sponsored by them have been most successful. They have made contributions to the library of records for the classes in music appreciation, have encouraged the close cooperation of the two Schools in student activities, sponsored the parents' teas in the fall and Father and Son Day in Fifth Month. Over 700 fathers and sons had luncheon in the grove on that important occasion and more than 400 were present for the dinner and the evening entertainment.

During the fall and winter there were many informal and a number of formal assemblies in both Upper and Lower Schools. These brought before the students speakers on a variety of subjects, music, and programs presented by the students. Each Friday morning during the winter the Lower School boys presented programs to enthusiastic audiences of their parents and fellows.

The Lower School Exhibition, which was held in Fourth Month, was developed this year around the general theme of transportation. Each class contributed an important section. The many models of trains, boats, and planes which were brought in by the boys from their own or their fathers' hobby collections, were of at least as much interest to the parents as to the boys themselves. It was altogether a most interesting series of projects built up from usual school activities.

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The School has participated also in many community activities, among them the World Affairs Week, at one meeting of which Howard W. Elkinton, representing the American Friends Service Committee, spoke to a large group in Alumni Hall of his experiences in Europe.

At the Commencement Exercises in Sixth Month, diplomas were awarded to forty-one boys, of whom thirty-eight are planning to go on to college, many of them immediately, this summer. Sterling Power Lamprecht of Amherst College was the speaker, the title of his timely address being," The Past is Prologue." Alexander Purdy delivered the Baccalaureate Address.

Of the two new boilers which were installed in the Power House during the summer and early fall, the first one was completed less than a week before the opening of school; the second, before the cold weather. We were extremely fortunate to be able to secure this equipment and the installation represents a real improvement in the school plant. The total cost was just over $13,000. For this summer no important new work is planned.

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One of the interesting incidents of the School this year took place a week ago, after school had closed. Moses Brown, at the request of Station WRUL of Boston, made a fifteen minute short wave broadcast to Friends, and particularly to Friends Schools, in England. There were short talks by Rufus Jones, by the Headmaster, by Harry Webster, President of this year's senior class, and songs by the Glee Club.

In closing, may I quote a portion of the last paragraph of Rufus Jones' broadcast. It sums up our objectives. - "Here plainly before us is the program of our Quaker schools. We shall go on teaching subjects and fields of educational interest, but if we are true to the great tradition of our Society of Friends, we shall focus our aim on preparation for life, for freedom and for democracy. However important it is to make a living, it is even more important to make a life. The message, then, ... is that spiritual nurture and formation of life must be at the center of our educational program."

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Headmaster

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Rufus M. Jones, Clara W. Mumford, Lyra T. Wolkins, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Willis H. White, and Marion S. Cole, and L. Ralston Thomas.

In the absence of the clerk, L. Ralston Thomas was appointed pro tem.

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We hereby authorize the Headmaster of Moses Brown School to borrow from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds such sums not exceeding $10,000 as may be needed for summer expenses.

We hereby authorize the Headmistress of Lincoln School to borrow from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds such sums not exceeding $7,500 as may be needed for summer expenses.

Willis H. White presented for the consideration of the Committee the question of bombing insurance. Following a brief discussion, the Headmaster was directed to communicate with the members of the Executive Committee to determine whether in their opinion this coverage is desirable, the Executive Committee having power to take whatever action it deems proper.

L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk pro tem

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PERCY C. GUY

Percy C. Guy, for many years auditor of the school accounts, died suddenly at the School Monday, Ninth Month 28th, 1942. He had come in to the school office for a few minutes and on leaving the building had a heart attack and passed away almost at once. He is survived by his wife, a daughter who is at home, and a married daughter in Philadelphia. Interment was in the Friends' Section of the North Burial Ground.

Percy Guy's long service to the School has been much appreciated. He went about his work quietly, pleasantly, and efficiently. We shall miss him.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Enrollment - Contrary to our expectation of last spring and early summer, the Upper School opened on Ninth Month 23rd and the Lower School on Ninth Month 29th with very good enrollment. In the Upper School there are 182 boys as compared with 183 a year ago, but the house group has increased slightly. In the Lower School the enrollment is 152 as compared with 143 last year, 19 boys in Belmont as compared with 8 at the beginning of last year. Belmont is practically full for the first time since the depression.

The Pre-Primary and First Grades are small; above that all the grades are full excepting the Third, in which there are 16 boys. - This is in spite of the transportation difficulties which we anticipated would give us a smaller School.

Faculty - Since last spring there have been many faculty changes, but here also we have been extremely fortunate. We have not yet been able to secure teachers of art in either the Upper or Lower Schools, but part-time arrangements probably will be made soon to fill these vacancies. Otherwise we have, at present at any rate, a complete staff.

A number of the men who were with us last year are now in service. Of these, Theodore S. Whitford, who has been a teacher of French for ten years, was called by the Draft a short time before the opening of school.

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Ruth Burrowes, teacher of the Second Primary Grade last year, was married early in Ninth Month and resigned her position.

The new teachers are:

UPPER SCHOOL

Richard P. Elms	French
George H. Huganir	English
Hugh Kite	Music, Elementary Latin
W. Carleton Mitchell	Mathematics
William G. Ramsden	Chemistry, Physics, Elementary Science

LOWER SCHOOL

John Houston	Fourth Intermediate Grade
B. Marjorie Cleaves	Second Primary Grade
Carolyn E. Godfrey	Assistant, Intermediate Grades

The new men in the Upper School are somewhat older than our new men have been in other years, and Mr. Ramsden is a married master who lives in the third floor apartment. Most of these men have draft classifications far enough down to insure their continuing with us for some time, but one or two of them are very uncertain with respect to their status, and undoubtedly there will be changes during the year. If changes come, it is probable that some women teachers will have to be appointed to the secondary school.

Food - The two most immediate problems which confront us are food rationing and fuel. Food costs are very high, especially for meats, but it is hoped the new legislation will prevent any great increase in the future. It is already extremely difficult to secure enough of certain items to serve our large group, and even under a definite rationing

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program this probably will continue to be a problem. Because of the transportation situation, we have approximately fifty more boys staying for the noon meal this year than we had last.

Fuel - The fuel situation as it will affect us continues to be very indefinite. We know that our allowance this year will be 25 to 33 1/3% less than last year, because this is the general program. Whether we shall be required to change to coal, only the future can answer. Our case and that of many others is being investigated by the Office of the Petroleum Coordinator for War. If a change is ordered, we shall have to have stokers, new fronts for our boilers, coal storage, and will be involved in very considerable expense and many problems of service. We are trying to operate our building at lower temperatures and are conserving fuel wherever possible. It may be that as the winter advances we shall have to discontinue the use of the pool and further reduce our consumption of hot water. Teachers and boys are being kept informed of the situation and everyone is cooperating splendidly.

Changes in Program - This year the School is operating on a new class schedule. The periods have been shortened to 40 minutes (instead of 45), we begin at 8:30, the usual hour, have six periods instead of five before dinner, dinner at 1:05 instead of 12:50; after dinner there are two periods, the first corresponding to the regular seventh class period and the second, an eighth period, is new. This latter period will be used for certain special courses for older boys, for Orchestra, Glee Club, and other student organizations, and as a study period

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for those not specifically engaged in other activities. Courses, on a two-period a week basis, are being offered Fourth and Fifth Formers in Elementary Aviation Science (including some motor mechanics, meteorology, etc.), in Radio and Communications, and in Navigation. We have had clubs in Navigation in years past. The interest of the boys in Aviation and in Communications is keen. These fields are important for the civilian of the future. We can and should provide certain basic information which will be interesting and valuable to the boys. There have been no other additions to the program and no course changes excepting in Latin. The demand for Chemistry, Physics, and Advanced Mathematics has increased. The election of Latin in the upper forms has decreased to a point that, beginning this year, Cicero and Vergil will be offered only every other year. There is now one class in Latin for the Fourth and Fifth Forms, and that class is composed of four students.

A change has been made also in our method of table waiting in the dining room. For the noon meal there will continue to be regular waiters. At the morning and evening meals, however, certain boys, who will be designated by the masters at the table, will wait on the table for a period of a week or ten days, all the boys taking their turn.

An effort is being made throughout the School to use boys wherever possible for the necessary work on the place. The older students are being asked to volunteer a certain number of hours for the year, and such jobs as raking leaves, mowing grass,

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moving snow, as well as a few specific projects, will be delegated to them. Our "help" situation is serious. We have only two of our regular men on the grounds; in the house the staff has been reduced to a minimum with no certainty that replacements can be found for the inevitable dropping out. There will be occasions when boys will have to be used for these services and it may be that some of the work will have to be done regularly by them.

Summer Work - During the summer the maintenance and repair has been kept to a minimum. Ordinarily we have a carpenter on our staff for the summer, but this year such work as had to be taken care of by carpenters was let to contractors. One of our guest rooms was remade, and it involved us in much more of an undertaking than was anticipated. It had to be papered, and while this was being done it seemed desirable to connect it with the bathroom which was next door. In the process, however, a stairway (probably left from alterations of seventy-five years ago) was discovered in the partition. This had to be taken out, one wall restudded and plastered, and a new floor laid. The result is excellent, and we have removed another fire hazard. After experiences of this kind over the years, one hesitates occasionally to undertake, in an old building, even what appear to be very simple jobs.

The house at 307 Hope Street has been repaired and is being painted.

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The "half deck," which was made into a small classroom last year, has been enlarged and is now being used for a section of the Fourth Intermediate Class. Those of you who remember that location from the old days will be interested to see what has happened to it.

Alumni Hall was repainted and the floor was restained. There was, in addition, the usual papering, painting, and minor repair.

Finances - With this report are submitted the financial statement for the academic year 1941-42 and the statement of income and expenditures for the three months ending Ninth Month 30, 1942. The budget for this year is not available but will be presented to the Finance and Executive Committees as early as possible.

This report seems to be very much concerned with the problems growing out of the situation in which we and all the rest of the world find ourselves. With all the difficulties (and they are difficulties which must be faced realistically) we have much for which to be thoroughly thankful. We have a fine School, a good enrollment, an excellent staff, and many opportunities for service.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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10/6/42-M1

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The Minutes of the meeting held at Ocean Park Sixth Month 25, 1942 were approved as circularized.

With regard to the bombing insurance which had been referred to the Executive Committee, it was reported that Lincoln School had purchased coverage to the extent of $200,000 and Moses Brown School, $458,000.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following recommendations:

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Endowment Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Willard E. Swift, Charles F. Brown, Clara W. Mumford.
Finance Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Charles H. White.

This was approved and the officers and committees appointed accordingly.

The Clerk was asked to appoint the Nominating Committee for next year.

An informal report of the activities of the Lincoln School Executive Committee was made by Marion S. Cole.

The report of the Headmistress of the Lincoln School was read, approved with expressions of appreciation, and ordered filed.

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Recording Clerk

11/16/42-M1

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Thomas A. Tripp Gren O. Pierrel
Donald B. Snyder Charles H. White
L. Ralston Thomas

An excuse for absence was received from Lyra T. Wolkins.

Gren O. Pierrel was elected chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Charles H. White was elected secretary.

Minutes of meeting held on Fourth Month 27th were read and approved.

The Headmaster stated that Percy Guy who had been serving as the school auditor had died.

After discussion it was unanimously voted to authorize the Chairman of the Finance Committee to engage the services of Christian & Co. of Providence as auditors on such terms and conditions as the Finance Chairman may elect.

A discussion was held regarding property owned by Arthur M. Anderson at Dark Harbor, Islesboro, Maine.

It was decided to accept the property owned by Arthur M. Anderson at Dark Harbor, Islesboro, Maine as a gift to the School providing the Committee obtains authorized legal opinion from Maine that said property will be exempt from taxation.

Heating the School under war conditions was reviewed. It was decided not to make any changes for the present.

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(Signed) Charles H. White
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January 21, 1943

Members of the Executive Committee

Dear Friends:

Because of the illness and absence of some of our members and the very bad weather which made traveling difficult, the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock was canceled. I should like, however, to bring you up to date on our school situation before the meeting of the General Committee on Second Month 2nd. Following that meeting, if there are certain matters which require Executive Committee action, perhaps we can hold a short meeting.

We record with sorrow the death on Eleventh Month 20th of Sarah J. Swift. She was a member of the School Committee for many years, and the Schools owe much to her for her interest, her spirit, faithfulness, and generosity in a material way. Her age was ninety-six years and four days. Before her death she was the oldest living former student of Friends' School. Lucy Amy (Nichols) Hawkes, mother of Arthur Hawkes, died on Tenth Month 11th. She was ninety-six years, nine months, and twenty days old and also was a former student of Friends' School.

The enrollment of the School is exactly the same as I reported at the fall meeting of the General Committee. There have been many changes in the enrollment, but we have been fortunate in having new boys to take the place of those who have withdrawn for various reasons. The chief cause of withdrawal naturally has been due to changes in residence, many of our boys being sons of men in the Service whose families move with them when it is possible to do so. This also has been the source of new boys. We are losing a few boys, members of our senior class, who have gone into the Service or are entering college at the half year in order to take advantage of the V-1 program which will not be available to them after March fifteenth. We shall lose about half a dozen older boys. Our second half year begins the twenty-eighth of this month after which time the few eighteen-year old boys who may be called up will be able to secure deferment to continue in School until the end of the year. With opportunities for choice of Services closed to the eighteen-year olds, it is probable that the Army as well as the Navy will turn their attention to the seventeen-year olds, offering them the choice of Service as an inducement for enlistment. This is not, however, for the moment a critical situation.

These Service problems immediately raise the question of

whether Moses Brown should undertake some form of summer school this year in order to give members of our junior class an opportunity to accelerate their work in order that they may complete their secondary school program before their eighteenth birthday. There are many problems involved in this, however, and probably no definite decision either way should be made until more information is available as to the Service procedures. These are always "about to be announced." It is in any case a subject which deserves consideration.

On Twelfth Month 22nd we received a formal order from the OPC and OPA to convert our plant from oil to coal. Application for priority for a mechanical stoker was refused. We were fortunate, however, in that we succeeded in purchasing a Perfection Hand Stoker and that is now being installed. This stoker was found, purchased, and delivered within a week. A similar stoker for the second boiler has been ordered but will not be delivered for some weeks. We have been fortunate also in obtaining delivery on more than 200 tons of coal. For the conversion period, we have received coupons for an adequate supply of oil; but because of the shortage of Bunker C fuel in Providence and the uncertainties as to delivery, the absolute minimum of oil has been used during this period. The gymnasiums and studio have not been heated, and our program has been modified accordingly. The stokers installed cost us approximately $2,000 each. This should come from our reserve for improvements and not from the current budget. One of the serious problems in connection with the conversion is that of labor. For firing we shall have to use the two workmen who are permanently employed here and it is proposed to use boys to cover the work they have been doing and to move coal from the pile in the parking place to the boiler room. A regular work program involving all the boys who are physically able to participate is ready to be put into operation.

There have been no staff changes since the last meeting of the committee. One of the men who was transferred to class A-1 and ordered for induction was rejected and is back with us. The other uncertain situations remain uncertain. Mr. Cate, who had a serious operation earlier in December, is back at work. Previous to his illness I had engaged as a replacement Mr. William Petty who taught in Mr. Cate's absence and continues as a regular member of the staff.

The food situation is difficult, but thus far we have managed satisfactorily. As an institution we stand in a peculiar position;in some respects we are better off than individual homes, in others our situation is much more complicated. This is particularly true of meats. We often do not know from one day to another whether our orders can be filled, and those firms which are authorized to supply institutions are in a very difficult position. It will certainly be better when a definite rationing program is in effect. Boys and staff have taken the adjustments in their stride.

Report to Members of the Executive Committee

Our financial statement as of January first is not in final form, but we are still within our budget estimate.

Very truly yours,

L. Easton Thomas

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SARAH J. SWIFT

Sarah J. Swift passed away at her home in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Eleventh Month 20, 1942, four days after her 96th birthday. She had not been able to attend school committee meetings for some years because of her failing health, but she maintained a very active interest in the Schools to the end of her life. She was not a graduate of Moses Brown, but attended "Friends School" for one year in 1861-62.

Her husband, D. Wheeler Swift, also a loyal friend of the School and a member of the Committee, who died in 1910, gave $5000 as a loan fund to help worthy scholars who needed financial assistance. Sarah Swift became a member of the School Committee in 1899. Over all these years she regularly attended our committee meetings and included in her broad interests the teachers, the students, and all the affairs of the Schools. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of our Committee in years and next to the oldest in length of service. She was also the oldest living former student.

We shall miss her interest, her spirit, her faithfulness, and her generosity, and are grateful for the years of service which she was permitted to give us.

LUCY AMY (NICHOLS) HAWKES

We record also the death, on Tenth Month 11, 1942, of Lucy Amy (Nichols) Hawkes, mother of Arthur Hawkes. She also was a former student of "Friends School" and before her death the oldest living former student. She was 96 years, 9 months, 20 days old.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Since the last meeting of the Committee, the impact of conditions about us has presented many problems to the School, as to all individuals and institutions. In spite of the uncertainties and the inevitable changes, we have much for which to be thankful.

The enrollment in both Upper and Lower Schools is approximately the same as that reported at the fall meeting of this Committee. There have been many changes but we have been fortunate in having new boys to take the place of those who have left. In the Upper School four boys withdrew at the half-year, two of them to enter college and two the Service. Three others have dropped out during the year. Five new boys have come into the Upper School since Christmas. The chief cause of withdrawal in the Lower School has been change in residence, many of our boys being sons of men in service whose families move with them when it is possible to do so. This also has been the source of our new boys in this department.

Service - The bill drafting 18 and 19-year-olds had been anticipated but with its passage the whole educational situation changed. Boys in this age group can no longer count on a normal college experience. Those in secondary school, if they are in the senior year, have not already graduated from high school, and are candidates for

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graduation, are permitted to finish their school year provided they do so before Sixth Month 30th. The way was left open at first for boys who were candidates for college this summer to secure a formal admission to some institution as of Sixth Month and to enlist in an inactive reserve until that time. This was later changed to permit only those boys who would enter at this half-year to have the benefit of this choice and recently another change restricted the candidates for the V-1 to those graduating from secondary school in Second Month or having at that time the equivalent of a four-year high school course. Now that the second half-year has begun, only those in the 17-year-old group really have much choice as to type of service which they may enter and it is probable that both the Army and Navy will attempt to recruit from this group. It is probable also that after Sixth Month 30 of this year, boys will be inducted shortly after their eighteenth birthday, and there is no certainty that they will be permitted to complete even the half-year in which they are working. It is extremely important, therefore, that if a boy can, he should be given the opportunity to complete his secondary school work and graduate by the time he reaches his 18th birthday. Schools are suggesting various ways in which this can be done. Some have announced summer schools in which they propose to do approximately half the year's work in certain subjects. Others are planning a four-term year instead of the usual three terms. It seems to me not wise to attempt to accelerate the work of the younger boys in our First, Second,

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and Third Forms. There may ~~, however,~~ be some pressure on us to hurry these boys along. However, one cannot speed up the growing-up process very much. In any program , also, one must keep always in mind the fact that when the war is over, fifteen and sixteen and even seventeen-year-old boys, although they may have completed the academic work, may not be sufficiently mature to enter college with older men whose college work has been interrupted by the war.

It seems to me ~~, however,~~ that we must make some provision for the acceleration of the students who will be eighteen during the next school year. To this end certain changes can be made in the programs of individual students. Perhaps some modification in our own course of study is possible, but summer school appears to offer the best solution. There are many problems tied in with this procedure. Moses Brown operates on a yearly and not a two-semester basis. There will inevitably be an overlapping of classwork the first half year. This is difficult to administer in a small school and will increase the expense of operation. A summer school would mean a considerable financial outlay with no certainty as to whether it could be made to pay for itself. It seems to me, however, we have the obligation to do everything we can for these older boys, and I hope the Committee will approve such a step if later it seems desirable.

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On Twelfth Month 22 the School received a formal order from the O.P.C. and O.P.A. to convert from oil to coal. Application for priority for a mechanical stoker was refused. We were fortunate, however, in being able to purchase a Perfection Hand Stoker and that has been installed. This stoker was found, purchased, and delivered within a week. A similar stoker for the second boiler has been ordered but will not be available for some weeks. We have been fortunate also in obtaining delivery of more than 300 tons of coal. For the conversion period we received coupons for an adequate supply of oil but because of the critical shortage of Bunker C fuel in Providence and the uncertainties as to delivery, the absolute minimum of oil has been used during this period. The gymnasiums and studio have not been heated and our program has been modified accordingly. The stokers installed will cost us approximately $4000. This should come from our reserve for improvements and not from the current budget.

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There have been two recent changes in staff, both men working here on a part-time basis. Richard P. Elms, who had been transferred to Class 1-A and ordered for induction, was rejected and is back with us. Another man whose status has been uncertain, continues in that condition.

Arthur Cate, who had a serious operation early in Twelfth Month, is back at work. Previous to his illness, William Petty had been engaged to take the place of one of the men who was about to be inducted. He taught in Mr. Cate's absence and continues as a regular member of the staff without, for the moment, special classroom assignment.

George H. Huganir expects to be called for service within the next two weeks, and Mr. Petty probably will take over Mr. Huganir's work in English.

To replace Gilbert Franklin, who resigned because of ill health, Mrs. Jean A. Judge has been engaged. Mrs. Judge, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and a teacher of experience, has been until recently acting head of the art work at the Rhode Island College of Education. The head of the department returned at the end of the half-year, and Mrs. Judge came to us the next day.

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*Mrs. Catherine Calkins, who has been housemother in Belmont for four years, left at Christmas time for California. Her assistant, Mrs. Laura Childs, has been appointed Housemother and Mrs. Lilian McMullen engaged as the assistant.

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Before the Christmas holidays the Proscenium Club presented three one-act plays to a capacity audience. Editha Thomas directed the work of the boys and will direct the spring play also.

Just before the first of the year the Anderson property on Islesboro was transferred to the Yearly Meeting for the use of the School. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the property was accepted, although a tax exemption had not been secured. This matter should now be placed in the hands of a really competent person in Maine to take whatever steps are necessary to relieve us of taxes on this property. In the spring Mrs. Anderson will take from the house such furniture as she wishes to retain. In the meantime, the Andersons are carrying the insurance on the furnishings, we have taken over a portion of the insurance on the house, and an arrangement for some supervision of the property has been made until a trip to Maine can be taken later.

By this very generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, we have come into possession of a valuable property. The Committee, I am sure, will want to express to them its appreciation. The Headmaster suggests that decisions as to the use of the property be left with the Executive Committee.

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We wish to acknowledge also the gift of a fine desk and an American flag and staff from Mr. and Mrs. Rufus C. Fuller.

The Works Progress Administration and the VI Army Headquarters both expressed to the School their appreciation for the use of the fields during the summer by the service men. The arrangement worked out very well from the School point of view also.

The Hartford National Bank and Trust Company has sent us a copy of the annual probate account of the Walter R. Jones Estate. This is available for any members of the Committee who may wish to see it.

Financial Statement - The summary of the income and expenditures and the cash account for the period Seventh Month 1, 1942 to Twelfth Month 31, 1942 are presented with this report. The expenditures are $1170 less than the budget estimate. The income also is satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

Moses Brown School
Providence, Rhode Island
February 1, 1943

To Members of the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The heavy snowstorm on Friday, a record breaker for Rhode Island, followed by another storm Saturday night, has made traveling so difficult that at the suggestion of one of the out-of-town members, the Headmaster talked with Alexander Purdy, Clerk of the School Committee; several members of the Committee already had sent word that they could not attend; it was decided, therefore, to cancel the meeting scheduled for Tuesday of this week.

I am sending you a copy of the report which I had prepared for this meeting. This will bring you up to date on some of the current situations at School.

There are two or three matters on which decisions should be obtained, and these will be referred to the Executive Committee.

It will be of interest to the Committee, in appraising our fuel situation, to know that Brown University yesterday announced a three-weeks holiday (which I assume covers a conversion period).

If any of you would like information about any items in my report or about any phase of our school activities, please don't hesitate to write for them.

We shall miss seeing you here at School tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Thomas

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NO COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON SECOND MONTH 2, 1943;

CONSEQUENTLY THERE ARE NO FORMAL MINUTES

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An appointed meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held at the School at 4:30 P.M. Second Month 24, 1943. The following were present: Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, and L. Ralston Thomas. Charles H. White was present at the beginning of the meeting, and an excuse for absence was received from Thomas A. Tripp.

The Minutes of the meeting held Eleventh Month 16 were approved as circularized.

Approval was given to the suggestion that inasmuch as formal reports are made by the Headmaster to the School Committee meetings, he might report informally to the meetings of this Committee.

The hand-operated stoker installed under one boiler in the Power House is operating satisfactorily, and in spite of the extremely cold weather of a week ago, few of the school services had to be curtailed even temporarily. The second stoker, which is on order, probably will not be installed until summer. A good supply of coal is on hand. The cost of the stoker to date is $1,779.84. The Headmaster was authorized to charge the cost of the stoker to the Reserve Fund and not include it in the regular budget.

WALTER R. JONES ESTATE - Letters from Ethel M. Jones and the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, and a summons from the Superior Court of Hartford, Connecticut, were considered. In 1935 (see Executive Committee Minutes Fourth Month 9, 1935) the School Executive Committee approved the payment of $450 a year to Walter R. Jones' sister, Ethel M. Jones, the payment to begin at once rather than at the time of her sister-in-law's death as stipulated in the Will.

With the death of Ethel M. Jones' parents, the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company has discontinued payment on the annuity to them, and also discontinued payment of the $450 to Ethel M. Jones. She has petitioned to have this annuity continued. The Headmaster is directed to communicate with the

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The Committee was informed that the property at 313 Hope Street (immediately north of 307) is for sale. It was the unanimous opinion that the Committee at present is not interested in its purchase.

Under the present draft laws, boys are eligible for military service immediately after their eighteenth birthday. It is important, therefore, that as many as possible complete their secondary school education and receive a diploma by the time they reach their eighteenth birthday. In order to provide for the acceleration of members of the present junior class at Moses Brown, the Headmaster recommended the establishment of a summer school for these boys and for any others who could be fitted into the program. Following a general discussion, the recommendation was approved. The Headmaster is authorized to proceed with the organization of a summer school program in line with the Committee discussion.

The question of appointments to the School Committee was raised, but because of the lateness of the hour, it was decided to postpone the discussion until the next meeting of the Committee.

The Headmaster reported that the budget was working out satisfactorily; and the expenditures, with the exception of "Heat and Light," were either under or reasonably close to the budget figures.

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The Minutes of the meeting held Second Month 24, 1943, were approved as circularized.

The Headmaster reported in some detail concerning food, fuel, winter term activities and problems, boys entering Service, probable changes in staff, etc. These items required no specific action of this Committee.

The Summer School for boys who have completed their junior year (and such others as may qualify) will begin Sixth Month 21 and last until Eighth Month 27. Boys who complete this work and the fall semester successfully will be eligible for graduation about the first of Second Month.

At the request of the Rhode Island Hospital National Bank, the following resolution covering the Moses Brown School Ration Bank Account was approved and the secretary of this Committee authorized to sign the certified copy.

"RESOLVED, that a ration bank account, or accounts, as defined in General Ration Order No. 3, be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with Rhode Island Hospital National Bank, or one of its branches, which bank shall act as an agency of and under the direction and supervision of the Office of Price Administration and shall be responsible only to the Office of Price Administration; that E. Harold Jernquist, Treasurer, and L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster,* are hereby authorized, on behalf of this Corporation, and in its name: to sign ration checks, or other ration evidences, owned, or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said account; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary shall certify to said Bank and the Office of Price Administration the names of such officers and employees at present, and shall from time to time hereafter, as changes in the personnel are made, immediately certify such changes to the bank and the Office of Price Administration; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rhode Island Hospital National Bank be and it hereby is authorized to receive and honor all ration checks signed in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, and such certification by the Secretary: and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said Bank, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to certify to said Rhode Island Hospital National Bank and to the Office of Price Administration the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-laws of this Corporation."

The Committee authorized the engagement of Editha M.THomas as teacher of music in the Lower School.

The problem of faculty smoking was discussed. It was the decision of the Committee that this was essentially an administrative matter and it is therefore referred back to the Headmaster with authority to take such action as seems to him suitable in view of the discussion.

Following a discussion of the importance of securing for service on the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School those men and women who, by training and experience and disposition have the most constructive contributions to make, the (Executive) Committee recommends that the School Committee send a communication to the Yearly Meeting, asking that the School Committee be given power to make nominations for membership on the Committee direct to the Yearly Meeting.

The question of the Yearly Meeting's having Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools incorporated as separate entities was discussed. The matter was postponed for further consideration.

The Headmaster reported that there have been no new developments with respect to the matter referred to under the Walter R. Jones Estate in the Minutes of Second Month 24.

The Chairman, Gren O. Pierrel, reported that the services of Christian and Company of Providence, as auditors, had not yet been procured, but that the matter would continue to have his attention.

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CHARLES E. COBB

Charles E. Cobb, a graduate of Friends School 1889, died at his winter home in Vero Beach, Florida, on Third Month 5, 1943.

After graduating from School, Charles Cobb continued his studies at Brown and at Harvard. He began his teaching career at Oak Grove Seminary and came to Friends School in 1897. During the first two years on the staff here, he was secretary and bookkeeper under Augustine Jones, and from 1899 to 1903 he served as Governor of the boys' department, where he established a reputation for firmness and for fairness.

According to the records, he was a member of the School Committee from 1895 until 1899.

Early in life Charles Cobb became interested in the possibilities of the summer camp, and he was one of the pioneers in this field. While still at Friends School, in 1902, he established the Wyonegonic Camp for girls, and six years later Camp Winona for boys. He was active in the management of both of these well-known camp organizations until his death.

Charles Cobb was a large man physically, and was characterized by sincerity and kindness.

In 1892 Charles Cobb married ~~Hattie~~ Harriet H. Hacker, who survives him, together with two sons and one daughter.

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L. RALSTON THOMAS, HEADMASTER

To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

It was the custom over a long period for the superintendents and principals to report to the School Committee on the "health" of the School. More recently specific mention of this has been omitted from the Headmaster's report or treated very casually because, excepting for an occasional epidemic, the record has been a particularly good one. During the last two years, however, the winter terms have not come up to our expectations in this respect. Last year there were approximately 100 cases of mumps among the student body and this year our record of absences due to illness has been greater than at any time in twenty years. For a period of nearly six weeks, the Upper School had from thirty to forty boys out every day and in some of the Lower School grades the record was not much better.

Our bête noire this year was the grippe, with a very large sprinkling of German measles. Both infirmaries were filled day after day. We were able to secure an extra nurse on a part-time basis for two months, but the help was insufficient and it was not possible even to secure a practical nurse to supervise the Isolation Infirmary. Martha Crawford, who retired as second grade teacher two years ago, accepted twenty-four-hour duty for the boys who had to be isolated, and only occasional relief could be secured for her.

Since the holidays we have got back on even keel,

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and there is now practically no illness. Inability to secure special nurses and difficulty in getting doctors to come excepting in emergencies, has thrown a tremendous responsibility on our Resident Nurse, and we are fortunate to have an experienced and qualified person in charge of the Infirmary. Recently, when one of the day boys broke his leg, it was necessary to wait more than an hour before the doctor could get here. Local hospital facilities are so much overtaxed that they are available to us only in the most serious emergencies. This, of course, is only a reflection of the community situation, and we are fortunate to be equipped as well as we are.

With the rationing of foods, additional problems have had to be met by the housekeeping staff and it has done very well indeed. Meats have been an important part of our diet and the amount now allotted to us is very much less than we have been accustomed to using. Marked changes consequently have come in the menus, but we are being well looked after and students and staff have accepted the inevitable with good grace.

With respect to our fuel situation, we have been most fortunate. The equipment for the one boiler which was changed over has worked well and we managed to get by with relatively little modification in our program, even in the very cold weather.

The balance of the equipment arrived a week ago, and the second boiler will be converted to coal as soon as the work can be done. The coal which we purchased has proved to be of excellent quality and in addition to that consumed, we have been

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able to secure 350 tons in reserve. Deliveries are being accepted regularly in an effort to provide, so far as possible, for our needs next year.

The cost of the first grate installed was approximately $2000. The second grate will be about the same. With the approval of the Executive Committee the cost of the grates and their installation will be charged to the Reserve Fund and not to the current budget.

During the winter there have been many extra-class activities, but no innovations. Moses Brown boys participated in the Lincoln School plays and Lincoln girls in the spring play at Moses Brown. Editha Thomas again coached the Moses Brown play.

The Schools are scheduled to have a joint Glee Club and Orchestra Concert on Fifth Month 12.

Both our Lower and Upper Schools have become members of the Junior Red Cross, and the Student Activities Committee, through its Good Will Fund, has made a number of contributions to community and charitable enterprises.

The Lower School Exhibition, held Fourth Month 29, used as its central theme "Our Neighbors North and South," and the boys developed in their classroom studies of Canada and Mexico a really fine display of materials. Instead of the usual Spring Music Assembly of the Lower School, a short musical program was presented at the afternoon and evening sessions of the Exhibition. Parents attended in large numbers and were well pleased with the work shown.

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The weekly talks on Current Events, The TIME Current Affairs Contest, Upper School and Lower School assemblies, and the exhibitions in the dining room have been continued.

At the Mid-Year, three members of the senior class entered college; one Rhode Island State, one Brown, and one Yale. Six boys have entered the Service since Christmas. On Fourth Month 2, qualifying examinations were held at the School for the A-12 and V-12 programs of the Army and Navy. Practically all members of the senior class participated in these. Recently seven of our boys who evidently had done well on these tests were ordered to report for interviews. Those who qualify for the V -12 program will enter college Seventh Month 1, as members of the Navy personnel and under the present program will have several semesters in college before being called into active service. Is it any wonder that these boys feel confused and uncertain and question the use of some of the routine school work which they are asked to do! Under the circumstances they are doing surprisingly well and most of them deserve our congratulations as well as our sympathy.

In order to provide some acceleration in the school work for those boys who will be seniors next year, a ten weeks' course will be held at the School this summer. Approximately a half year's work will be covered and the fellows who are successful in it will be candidates for graduation in Second Month instead of in Sixth Month next year. Approximately half the class will participate and in addition a few qualified boys from other schools will be permitted to register. There are

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now no directives affecting boys who will be eighteen after the first of Seventh Month this year, and it is consequently important that they should be given an opportunity to secure their school diplomas as early as possible. This is a contribution which the School can make to them.

There have been no recent changes in faculty. Basil Meserve, who was classified as IV-E (Conscientious Objector) was ordered to report to a Civilian Public Service Camp two weeks ago. The Local Board, however, accepted an appeal in his case, and he has been given deferment until the end of the school year.

George Huganir has been expecting almost daily to be called into Service, but he is still with us.

Two other vacancies in the Upper School staff will exist at the end of the year.

In the Lower School faculty, no changes are anticipated among the regular teachers.

Re-registrations for next year are very good, although it is impossible to tell at this time what the situation will be in the fall. We know that there will be many changes in the student body; parents are on the move these days. The prospects for new pupils seem to be about as usual at this time.

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The financial statements for the period Seventh Month 1, 1942, to Third Month 31, 1943, are submitted with this report. At this time the income is somewhat better than was anticipated and the expenditures, with proper adjustments for inventories, are under the budget total.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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The Minutes of the meeting held at Moses Brown School on Tenth Month 6, 1942, were approved as circularized.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edward L. Macomber, and Moses Bailey, were instructed to present nominations for officers and committees (excepting Nominating Committee) and for our representatives on the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln School, to the Meeting on Tenth Month 5, 1943.

The Committee noted with regret the death of Charles E. Cobb. The Headmaster read a brief memorial.

The report of the Headmaster of Moses Brown School was presented by L. Ralston Thomas, who gave also, in the absence of the chairman of the Finance Committee, a general summary of the financial report to Fourth Month 30, 1943.

Charles H. White, Recording Clerk of the Executive Committee, read excerpts from the Committee Minutes.

It was reported that just before the first of the year, the Anderson property on Islesboro was transferred to the Yearly Meeting for the use of Moses Brown School. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the property was accepted, although a tax exemption had not been secured. This matter has now been placed in the hands of Ralph W.Farris, Attorney at Law, of Augusta, Maine, to take whatever steps are necessary to relieve us of taxes on this property. Later in

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Formal confirmation was given to the action of the Executive Committee in accepting the gift of the Anderson Property in Islesboro, Maine. The Committee records its deep appreciation of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M.Anderson for making this property available for the use of Moses Brown School, and directs the Presiding Clerk to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson to this effect. Decisions as to the use of the property are left with the Executive Committee.

Formal approval was given also to the following resolutions concerning the opening and maintaining of a Ration Bank Account with the Rhode Island Hospital National Bank.

"RESOLVED, that a ration bank account, or accounts, as defined in General Ration Order No.3, be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with Rhode Island Hospital National Bank, or one of its branches, which bank shall act as an agency of and under the direction and supervision of the Office of Price Administration and shall be responsible only to the Office of Price Administration; that E. Harold Jernquist, Treasurer, L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster, Gertrude N. Seidel, House Manager, and the Dietitian are hereby authorized, on behalf of this Corporation, and in its name: to sign ration checks, as defined in said Order; to indorse ration checks, or other ration evidences, owned, or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said account; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary shall certify to said Bank and the Office of Price Administration the names of such officers and employees at present, and shall from time to time hereafter, as changes in the personnel are made, immediately certify such changes to the bank and the Office of Price Administration; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rhode Island Hospital National Bank be and it hereby is authorized to receive and honor all ration checks signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and such certification by the Secretary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said Bank, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing authorization and resolutions shall apply to any and all ration bank accounts which this Corporation now is or may at any future time be required or authorized by the Office of Price Administration to open or maintain, without further authorization from this Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, that a ration bank account, as described in General Ration Order No.3, be opened and maintained in the name of the Commissioner of the Tanganyika National Bank, or one of its branches, which bank shall act as the agency of the Ration Order in the distribution of the Office of Price Administration and shall be responsible only to the Office of Price Administration; and

WHEREAS, Harold Bennett, Chairman of the Tanganyika Rationing Board, Gertrude N. Seidel, House Manager, and the Dietitian are hereby appointed, on behalf of the Board, to sign ration checks, as defined in said Order; to indorse

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Following the consideration of a recommendation made by the Executive Committee, it was directed that a request be made to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to permit the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School to submit to the Nominating Committee a list of names of men and women, qualified by training, experience, and disposition, for membership on this Committee, from which a proper selection may be made.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Headmistress of the Lincoln School, read a brief report from the Executive Committee, and gave a general summary of the financial report to date.

Alexander C. Purdy spoke in appreciation of the Schools and expressed the profound gratitude of the Committee to the Headmaster and Headmistress for their able management of both institutions during these difficult times. Several members spoke in approval of his remarks.

A meeting of this Committee will be held in Ocean Park in Sixth Month, to consider the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, The Scholarship Committee consists of Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Marion S. Cole, L.Ralston Thomas.

The Headmaster and Headmistress are directed to prepare for presentation the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting.

The following dates were approved for the meetings of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School during the next academic year: Third Day, Tenth Month 5, 1943, and Third Day, Fifth Month 2, 1944, at 10 A.M. at Moses Brown School. No meeting is scheduled for Second Month, although it is understood that the Presiding Clerk may call one, if for any reason it should be deemed necessary.

Adjourned to meet at Ocean Park, Maine, in Sixth Month.

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk

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[illegible] that the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to certify to said Rhode Island Hospital National Bank and to the Office of Price Administration the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-laws of this Corporation."

Following the consideration of a recommendation made by the Executive Committee, it was directed that a request be made to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England to permit the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School to submit to the Nominating Committee a list of names of men and women, qualified by training, experience, and disposition, for membership on this Committee, from which a [illegible] selection may be made.

Marion S. Cole presented the report of the Headmistress of the Lincoln School, read a brief report from the Executive Committee, and gave a general summary of the financial report to date.

Alexander C. Purdy spoke in appreciation of the Schools and expressed the profound gratitude of the Committee to the Headmaster and Headmistress for their [illegible] management of both institutions during these difficult times. Several members spoke in approval of his remarks.

A meeting of this Committee will be held in Ocean Park in Ninth Month, to consider the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee consists of Edith L. Duffus, Frances G. Wheeler, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The Headmaster and Headmistress are directed to prepare for presentation the annual reports to the Yearly Meeting.

The following dates were approved for the meetings of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School during the next academic year: Third Day, Tenth Month 5, 1948, and Third Day, Fifth Month 4, 1949, at 10 A.M. at Moses Brown School. [illegible] a scheduled for Second Month, although it is under-

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-fourth annual report.

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In First Month 1944, Moses Brown School will complete its one hundred twenty-fifth year of continuous operation. Founded in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1789, it closed its doors after a short time because of the uncertainties during the long period following the American Revolution. Through the energy and personal oversight of Moses Brown, funds were carefully conserved, new moneys were secured, and in 1816 he donated the property on the west side of his homestead which the School now occupies. Under his supervision a building was erected and in First Month 1819, pupils and teachers assembled for the first session. The original building, consisting of the present Middle House with short wings on the east and west sides, was an imposing structure, but additions were soon necessary and the School has grown steadily in size and usefulness.

Although many changes have taken place, the committees in charge of the School and the administrations have kept always before them the objectives stated by Moses Brown in the letter in which he proposed to donate the tract of land that became the site of the School - "A permanent institution for the guarded education of the rising generation which will

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be promotive of their usefulness in society and the Honor of Truth." Through depressions and wars and times of great uncertainty, the School has had the loyal support of its legion of friends, and has gone steadily on. Because of its splendid background, it faces the present and future with faith and confidence.

On Sixth Month tenth a class of forty-six was graduated. Of the diplomas awarded, seven were in absentia: two to boys who entered the national service just before Commencement, one to a boy who was ill at home, and four to candidates who already had entered college either under the junior admissions program or at the half year. Eleven of the graduates had entered Moses Brown in the Pre-Primary Class, thirteen years ago.

Very few of these boys will have any opportunity to do college work immediately, excepting under service training programs. Commencement this year had a completely new and tragic significance.

The enrollment for the year was excellent. In the Upper School there was approximately the same number as a year ago. In the Lower School, Belmont, the resident department, and all grades excepting the first two were full.

There were a number of new teachers, particularly in the secondary department, and several changes occurred during the year. At certain periods the small number of young men on the staff was a handicap especially in sports supervision.

During the year also, there were a number of modifications

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in program due to rationing regulations, the lack of sufficient service, both in the building and on the grounds, and restrictions placed on fuel. On Twelfth Month twenty-second, we received a formal order from the OPC and OPA to convert our plant from oil to coal. An application for priority for mechanical stokers was refused. We were fortunate, however, to purchase a Perfection Hand Stoker and this was installed within a month. A stoker for the second boiler was delivered late in the spring and is now in use. The cost of the conversion from oil to coal was approximately $4000. We were fortunate also in securing a satisfactory contract for coal and in addition to the amount consumed during the winter, there is on hand approximately 700 tons, about three-quarters of the supply necessary for next year.

One of the serious problems in connection with the conversion was that of labor. For twenty-four-hour firing we had to use, in addition to our regular engine-room staff, two workmen permanently employed on the grounds. Nevertheless, with the exception of a few cold weeks immediately before and after the installation of the new grates, we have had a comfortable winter.

Student labor is not a new departure at Moses Brown. For many years boys have waited on table in the dining room, operated the switchboard, and have done a number of routine small chores. More recently the resident students have taken care of their own rooms. Beginning with the first of the year, however, a new program was developed involving all boys who were physically able to participate. The schedule involved considerable janitorial work in the main building and gymnasiums, and the older boys took turns

trimming coal in the power house, a few days moving as much as eight or ten tons. This work, supervised by masters, was with few exceptions undertaken with enthusiasm.

The food situation has been difficult but the additional problems were met by the housekeeping staff, and although there were marked changes in the menus, we have in this department also managed very well.

For many years Moses Brown had an enviable health record, and there were few epidemics of any great importance. This last winter, however, there were long periods during which as much as 20% of the School was absent because of mumps, measles, German measles, and the grippe. There were no permanent disabilities from any of these diseases, although the grippe frequently kept boys out of school for many days.

There was one major change in the Upper School timetable, an eighth period having been added to the regular program. In this period were scheduled orchestra, glee club, special courses, assemblies, and clubs of all kinds.

During the winter there were many extra-class activities but few innovations. Moses Brown boys participated in the Lincoln School plays and Lincoln girls in the spring play at Moses Brown. A joint glee club and orchestra concert was held in Fifth Month. Both our Lower and Upper Schools became members of the Junior Red Cross, and the Student Activities Committee, through its Good Will Fund, made a number of contributions to community and charitable enterprises, among which were the American Friends Service Committee, the American Foundation

for the Blind, American Red Cross, Caney Creek Community Center, Hampton Institute, China Relief, American Farm School, Near East Foundation, American Mission for Lepers.

The women on the staff have held meetings weekly since Second Month to assist in making surgical dressings for the American Red Cross, and knitting has been done also for the Service Committee and the French Relief.

The Lower School Exhibition, held in Fourth Month, used as its central theme "Our Neighbors North and South," and the boys developed in their classroom studies of Canada and Mexico a really fine display of materials.

The weekly talks on Current Events, the TIME Current Affairs Contest, and the exhibitions in the dining room have been continued. The School participated again also in the Rhode Island World Affairs Week. A meeting, at which Howard Kershner spoke on European Child Feeding, was held in Alumni Hall.

For the first time in seventy-five years, Moses Brown is this summer holding a summer session. In order to provide for acceleration in school work for those boys who will be seniors next year, particularly for those who will become eighteen during the year, approximately a half year's work will be covered in ten weeks and those who are successful will be candidates for graduation in Second Month, 1944, instead of in Sixth Month. About half the class is participating and in addition a few qualified boys from other schools have been permitted to register.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson (of New York), friends of Editha and Ralston Thomas, have transferred to the School, buildings and sixty acres of land at Dark Harbor, Islesboro, Maine. There is over half a mile of waterfront, a fine jetty, and several good beaches. Approximately half the property is in woodland; there are open fields, orchards, and gardens. There is a fourteen room house which is in perfect condition, completely modernized and completely furnished. When the war is over this will provide Moses Brown School with a splendid opportunity for summer activities. We are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for their generosity. We have come into possession of a valuable property.

The Schools face new situations every day. It is a difficult time for everyone, but for institutions as for individuals, progress is made only by overcoming resistance. Never has there been a time when young people have needed guidance and encouragement more than at present. Building on the traditions of the past, with honesty of purpose and devotion to the work, the Schools will continue to serve boys and girls, to increase their usefulness in society and to give them an appreciation of the significance of the school motto: "For the Honor of Truth."

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas
Headmaster

At a Meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 24th, 1943, the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones, Clara W. Mumford, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Charles H. White was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole and L. Ralston Thomas, made its report as follows:

> "Two thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars was available for distribution. Of this (on the basis of Friends enrolled for the current year) Lincoln School received 9/16 or $1590, and Moses Brown, 7/16, or $1235. The names of the girls and the amounts awarded each were presented by Marion S. Cole, and the boys, by L. Ralston Thomas."

The report was approved.

The reports prepared for the School Committee by the Headmaster and Headmistress were approved for presentation to the Yearly Meeting.

At the meeting of the School Committee held Fifth Month 4th, a minute was prepared for presentation to the Yearly Meeting. It was directed that the Headmaster should bring this to the attention of the Yearly Meeting following his report.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Charles H. White

Clerk Pro Tem

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To the Executive Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

The Summer School has made a good beginning. There are twenty-eight boys enrolled. Of these, nineteen are regular members of the senior class and candidates for diplomas in Second Month. Seven are taking the summer course only. Two may or may not continue into their second semester here.

Messrs. Paxton (English), Herman (Mathematics), Cate (Foreign Language), Hutton (Physics and Chemistry), Howe (Mechanical Drawing, Sports, Supervisory) are regular members of our staff. The History is being taught by Charles Jones, graduate of Moses Brown and a teacher of history in the public high schools.

The program includes six sixty-minute periods, five days a week for ten weeks. The swimming pool is open in the afternoon and there is a very informal sports program but no other extra-curricular activities.

The results thus far are satisfactory. We have never had a group which has seemed more eager to do a good job or more willing to give the time and energy necessary. Perhaps because it is a concentrated course, boys are aware that the laggard will be left far behind. Nevertheless, they deserve credit for the attitude which has been shown.

We have been able to make reasonably satisfactory arrangements for service in the kitchen and house, and the three boys who were hired for work on the grounds have provided us with sufficient labor to do the most important jobs. The Lower School fields are being permitted to grow up in grass, and the time spent on campus and playground maintenance has been reduced to the minimum consistent with keeping the place reasonably neat and attractive.

In the spring, gardens were planted totaling about an acre and a half. These, on the whole, have done well, and we are reaping some reward for our efforts. We should have a considerable potato crop with which to begin the fall term.

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No new work of any kind is being undertaken. Building maintenance, so far as papering and painting are concerned, will amount to about the same as usual. Other maintenance work will be somewhat less than usual because we are unable to get materials and labor.

One of the big jobs will be the painting of the trim on the south side of the building, which is on our regular schedule. It has been six or seven years since this was done.

The laundry situation is becoming increasingly serious. Recently we were notified that they would accept no more handkerchiefs, napkins, or socks. They have kept us under constant pressure to reduce the amount of material which we send for laundering, and have told us frequently that a further drastic cut may come at any time. It is our guess that tablecloths, of which we use a large number,will be the next to come under the ban.

The tables which we now use in the dining room can be refinished for use without tablecloths only at considerable expense, and they would be at best a makeshift, and unattractive. We are endeavoring to find satisfactory square or round tables or both, seating eight people each, which we could secure in sufficient number to meet our needs. Thus far we have had no success. If such tables can be found they will be expensive, but our savings on laundry over a two-year period would pay a substantial part of the cost. This matter will be referred to the Executive Committee if satisfactory tables can be purchased.

During this week Miss Angela Diller, former head of the Diller-Quaile School, and one of the leading teachers of music teachers in the country, is holding classes for about fifteen teachers in Alumni Hall. These classes were organized by Mrs. Thomas and Miss Winsor, a local music teacher, and the School is under no expense whatever. It is, it seems to me, an advantage to Moses Brown to sponsor an activity of this kind, and several of our patrons are participating.

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Over the years Brown University has cooperated with the School by permitting our boys to use their swimming pool for diving practice and for special swimming instruction. They have, on occasion also, granted us special privilege in the use of athletic equipment and attendance at games. Recently, because of their lack of facilities for exercise and informal sports for their V-12 and A-12 programs, they asked if they might be permitted the use, for the summer, of the soccer field, the small field to the north of the gymnasium, and the board track. This permission was granted with two stipulations:

1. That it should be used for informal sports, calisthenics, and general exercises but not for military drill (this in accordance with the decision of the Committee a year ago when a similar request was made by the VI Army Corps Headquarters).

2. That the University should provide for the care of the fields, using their own staff for this purpose.

The "France Forever" organization in Providence, sponsored by a number of men connected with the Univ ersity and other substantial citizens of the community, has devoted its efforts to keeping alive the spirit of France and French culture in the minds of people in this country. They have occasional open meetings at which there have been as speakers Frenchmen and others who know France well and who have been able to speak on the French situation with first-hand knowledge. Some time ago they asked if they might use Alumni Hall for one of their meetings, and this permission was granted with the understanding that the School should be under no expense for cleaning, arranging chairs, etc. A meeting is scheduled for Seventh Month 14, at which they expect to have outstanding speakers, a Frenchman, an Englishman, the Lieutenant Governor, the acting Mayor.

The enrollment for next year is promising. Business in the last two weeks has been brisk. There have been many requests for information about the School, and a substantial number of new applications.We are at present ahead of this time a year ago.

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The teaching situation is a matter of concern. In the Lower School all the regular classroom teachers are returning, but we still need a part-time teacher and probably two assistants. In the Upper School all of the men on permanent appointment (excepting Basil Meserve, who has gone to a C.P.S. camp) are remaining with us. Some re-arrangement of work has been necessary. We still need two replacements for men who have gone. No doubt these places will be filled, but the chances of getting satisfactory men are very small.

Miss Bosworth, who has done a most satisfactory job in spite of great difficulties, is leaving us to be married, and a new dietitian has been secured.

Unless there are items in this report which you believe should have Executive Committee discussion, I know of no matters which call for a meeting at this time. I hope you will feel free to ask me for any further information you may desire about any part of this report or any other matters connected with the School.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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An appointed meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School was held at the School at 4 P.M. Ninth Month 30, 1943. The following were present: Gren O. Pierrel, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, and L. Ralston Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from Charles H. White and from Donald B. Snyder.

There was no meeting of the Executive Committee in Seventh Month, but after consultation with the Chairman, the Headmaster sent a written report to all members of the Committee on Seventh Month 9. This was accepted without discussion.

The Headmaster gave an informal report of the summer session, summer work, the enrollment for the new academic year, changes in the staff, and other items of current interest.

The question of formal Commencement Exercises in Second Month 1944 for the class which will graduate at that time was referred to the School Committee, with the recommendation that such exercises be held.

A letter from Ethel M. Jones was read. This also is referred to the School Committee for action.

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The question of the nomination of non-Friends to the School Committee was discussed, and the Headmaster was asked to learn whether Dr. Bruce M. Bigelow of Brown University or Richard M. Gummere of Harvard University would be able to accept appointment. Other names were discussed, but no action taken.

The Headmaster reported that the rate of pay for service (women) both in the "house" and "kitchen" is now $50 a month and living. This is an increase of $5.00 and is the minimum at which new help can be hired when they are available at all.

There was some discussion also of faculty salaries, but no decisions were reached.

Adjourned.

L. Ralston Thomas

Recording Clerk pro tem

An appointed meeting of the Executive Committee of Essex Brown School was held at the School at 4 P.M. Ninth Month 30, 1943. The following were present: Jean M. Pierrel, Thomas A. Trigg, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra J. Dolkins, and L. Lebrun Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from Charles E. White and from Donald F. Sayner.

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SOPHIA LORD PITMAN

Sophia L. Pitman, teacher of Art at this School under four administrations, died at Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, on Seventh Month 6, 1943, after a long illness.

She was in her eighty-ninth year.

Miss Pitman came to Moses Brown School in 1878 and retired in 1931 after fifty-three years of service. Under her influence hundreds of boys and girls developed and strengthened an appreciation of the good things of life. She had the gift of seeing potential ability and the patience and enthusiasm to bring it to fruition. A few of her former students made Art their vocation; many others made it an important avocation.

After she left Moses Brown, she continued to have an active interest in the affairs of the School and all her old pupils, and constantly supplied us with interesting facts about them.

She was a remarkable person and contributed much to the enrichment of the School.

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CLARA WINSLOW MUMFORD

Clara Winslow Mumford died in Portland, Maine, on Ninth Month 16, 1943, after a long period of ill health. She was the widow of Eugene J. Mumford, and sister of Isaac O. Winslow (for many years superintendent of Providence Public Schools). Clara Winslow attended Friends School from 1879 to 1881, and from 1885 to 1891 was a member of the faculty, teaching English studies here. She was appointed to the School Committee in 1929 and had a friendly interest in every phase of the School's activities. She served on a number of sub-committees, was a member of the Lincoln School Board of Trustees, and was active in the Whittier Club and Friends Meeting in Portland.

Clara Mumford was a friendly person and we are thankful to have had her constructive interest over these many years.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Summer Session - For the first time in three-quarters of a century a report is being made to the Committee on a formal summer session. There were twenty-eight students enrolled (including seven house boys). Of these, nineteen will be candidates for graduation in Second Month of this school year, as the result of the acceleration. Five already have completed their admission requirements for college; one was drafted, two have returned to high school, and one has gone to work. It was altogether a thoroughly satisfactory experience. A half year's work was accomplished in ten weeks. No group of Moses Brown boys ever worked with greater seriousness of purpose, and the masters who accepted the responsibility for the work for purely nominal honoraria were gratified by the results.

The boys who took the summer school work are now in their second half year, and those becoming eighteen before Second Month 1st will be entitled to deferments until they graduate, and will thus have an opportunity to secure their diplomas before they are inducted into one of the Services.

This presents for the consideration of the Committee the question of formal Commencement Exercises in Second Month 1944.

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Summer Work - During the summer no new work was undertaken but there was considerable routine maintenance. The following list covers the more important items:

Pennington Avenue resurfaced
Repairs to dormers, front of main building
Repairs to dormers, gymnasium
Repairs to barn
Painting
- Study Hall
- Main building, south side
- Gymnasium
- Studio
- Barn

There was also the usual papering, painting, and repairs to furniture, etc. inside the building. One hundred folding chairs were purchased for replacements in Alumni Hall. This work, excepting for painting the barn, has been completed and the buildings and grounds are in good condition.

The Victory Garden was successful from every point of view. We did not raise so many potatoes as we had anticipated, but the crop was better than average, and practically everything else did very well.

Summer Use of Grounds - In addition to the informal play of our own group, our fields were used during the summer by Brown University for the formal exercises of their V-12 units, and by the American Red Cross for First Aid Drill.

Opening of School - It has been the custom to open and close the Upper and Lower School departments a week apart. This year, in order to provide a somewhat longer school year for the junior department, both Schools began the same day.

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The enrollment in both groups is excellent, with the following totals:

Belmont	19
Upper School House	58
Lower School Day	139
Upper School Day	137
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The senior class is considerably smaller than usual, but the lower forms of the Upper School are full and we have made up in these groups for the natural shrinkage at the top. In Lower School all groups above the Second Grade are full, and in the Pre-Primary, First, and Second Grades the totals are 11, 15, and 15 respectively.

Staff Changes - At the close of School last year or during the summer, there were the following withdrawals from the staff:

Basil G. Meserve, teacher of English and Student Adviser (on leave of absence, now in the C.P.S. Camp at Cooperatown, New York)

George H. Huganir, Jr., teacher of English (married and not teaching)

Hugh Kite, teacher of elementary Latin and Music (at another school)

W. Carleton Mitchell, teacher of Mathematics (at another school)

Mrs. Mary G. Annin, teacher of Music in Lower School (resigned to lighten her own program)

Mrs. Helen I. Graham, in charge of testing program of Lower School and special adviser (advanced study in New York)

Ruth E. Holbrook, assistant in Primary Grades (full-time teacher in another school)

Mrs. Sara E. Herrick, assistant in Intermediate Grades (ill health)

Helen Ballou, part-time teacher of Art (full-time position in industry)

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Carolyn E. Godfrey, assistant in Intermediate Grades and Lower School office (married and not teaching)

May R. Bosworth, dietitian (married and managing own home)

To fill the vacancies, these appointments have been made:

Frederick C. Ferry, Jr. (Hamilton College graduate, Director of Admissions at Rhode Island School of Design for four and one half years) full-time program in Mathematics, but will continue his duties at School of Design

Frank E. Fuller (B.A. Colby College, teacher in Maine schools for seven years) Latin

John H. Mitchell (University of New Hampshire and New England Conservatory of Music) Biology, General Science, Music

George E. Mize (M.A. University of Texas) English

Arthur W. Cate has, in addition to his regular classroom duties, assumed responsibility as Student Adviser in the place of Basil Meserve

Marjorie E. Jackson (Pembroke graduate) Assistant in Intermediate Grades

Frances H. Judd (Katharine Gibbs graduate) Assistant in Lower School office

Louise Martin (Wheelock School) Assistant in Primary Grades
Editha M. Thomas (Diploma, Conservatory, Fontainbleu,France; teacher in Diller-Quaille School of Music,N.Y.;for nine years Director of Music Buckley Country Day School,N.Y.) Lower School Music
Ruth Plummer (Boston School of Domestic Science) Dietitian (Many years Childrens' Hospital in Philadelphia and Tufts College)

We have been fortunate to secure an additional nurse. Mrs. Olga M. Andrews has been superintendent of nurses at Barnstable County Sanatorium. Her son is a student in the Upper School and she has accepted an appointment as an assistant to Miss Cook.

Excepting on the play fields, it would appear that the work has been well covered by reasonably competent appointments. In the Upper School the new men are IV-Fs. They have had little or no experience with sports, and because

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of the shortage of young men, the athletic program is not being properly supervised. This is true to an even greater degree in the Lower School. Through the cooperation of Pembroke College, girls in their physical education department are acting as "Sirs" in the Primary and First Intermediate Grades. This promises a satisfactory solution for the small boys. For the Intermediate Grades, only one man has been secured. The classroom teachers themselves are supervising recess periods. This arrangement makes for some of them a day without a single break. Normally we use ten to a dozen Brown undergraduates as assistants; this year we have one.

Work Program - Last year all resident boys made their own beds. This year, to further compensate for shortage in help, they have assumed, under the supervision of the corridor masters, full responsibility for their rooms. The School will provide for the cleaning of corridors and bathrooms, and for the normal classroom janitorial work. It may be that later some of these jobs will have to be turned over to students.

In the Dining Room all boys of the Upper School are taking turns as waiters. For the Lower School luncheon we shall continue to use the "professionals," a small group of fellows who receive compensation, generally in the form of free meals, for waiting on table regularly.

The work program which was initiated last year

will be resumed later, probably when it becomes necessary to organize the older fellows into coal trimming gangs.

The fuel situation for this winter is for the moment entirely satisfactory. We have on hand more than 700 tons of coal and are having our current needs met by regular deliveries. Unless a serious coal shortage in this community should require us to share the coal we have on hand, we shall get through and be able to provide all our normal activities.

Change in Program - Only one important change has been made in the school program. To provide an opportunity for Orchestra, Glee Club, and other clubs and activities, an eighth period was added last year. There were, however, certain disadvantages in having this the last period of the day. This year the "free" period has been continued, but it is scheduled as a seventh, with an eighth period for recitation.

Over the years considerable emphasis has been given to language teaching at Moses Brown. Beginning in 1904, Latin became a required subject for all boys in the lower forms and this has continued down to the present. Most of the students in addition to Latin had at least an introduction to a modern language, and many of them took Latin and French or German to the end of their secondary school course. A few years ago, when the colleges eliminated Latin as a requirement for admission to a liberal arts course, the Latin in the upper forms fell off, although at the same time there was some

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gain in the modern languages and many boys presented two modern languages for college. The emphasis on science and mathematics a few years ago further cut into the advanced Latin work and with the beginning of the war there was another reduction in the number of students taking Latin above the Third Form.

This year for the first time, there are no Fourth and Fifth Form Latin classes. In addition to Latin and French we offer courses in German and Spanish. The latter classes are small, but we have had some increase in the German courses. Mr. Waughtel, who has taught the advanced Latin work for many years, now has charge of the beginners and the Third Form. Mr. Fuller, a new master, has three large sections in the Second Form Latin. With this elementary work established so soundly, it is probable that after the war is over, we shall again have classes in upper form Latin, but it is equally probable that the Latin will not have the popularity it has had in the past.

Finances - With this report are submitted the financial statements for the fiscal year which ended Sixth Month 30, 1943. The total expenditures for the year were less than the amount budgeted by $157.32. The gain for the year (that is, the excess of income over expenditures) is $4793.98. This report has been submitted to the Finance Committee and the details are available to anyone who may wish to see them.

The budget for the current year will not be

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ready for a short time. Is the Committee willing to follow its recent procedure and refer this matter to the Finance Committee with power?

This report has dealt almost entirely with facts. It has discussed the physical operation of the School. There has never been a time, however, when the intangibles have been so important. Many of the boys who were in School last year and many who are here now will have little opportunity for formal education beyond graduation. Of those graduated last year, twenty-three are in college, five in V-12, seventeen in other Services. The responsibility of the School is in some respects greater than it ever has been. Students and parents look to us for guidance and help, and for a kind of stability which they seem to need so much. These things come more often as by-products than by direct teaching. The sound traditions of schools like Lincoln and Moses Brown play a tremendously vital role in the development of the children in our care and this is shared by every member of the Committee, every teacher, every person who is associated with the School.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

10/5/43-M1

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, on Tenth Month 5, 1943, Alexander C. Purdy presided, and the following members were present: T. Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins. Regrets for absence were received from Moses Bailey, Rufus M. Jones, Donald B. Snyder, William Webster.

The Minutes of the meetings held at Moses Brown School on Fifth Month 4, 1943, and at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 24, 1943, were approved as circularized.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following recommendations:

Clerk - Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk - L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee - Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio. (It is understood that Charles P. Sisson is on leave of absence for the present.)
Trustees of Lincoln School - Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Norman S. Taber, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.
Endowment Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Willard E. Swift, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.
Finance Committee - Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Charles H. White.

These were approved, and the officers and committees appointed accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to appoint a nominating committee for next year. The following were named: Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edward L. Macomber, Charles F. Brown.

The recommendation of this Committee to the Yearly Meeting in Sixth Month was approved with the words "each year" inserted. It now reads (From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting 1943, page 24):

> "Following the consideration of a recommendation made by the Executive Committee, it was directed that a

request be made to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, to permit the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School to submit to the Nominating Committee (each year) a list of names of men and women qualified by training, experience, and disposition for membership on this committee, from which a proper selection may be made."

"(From the Minutes of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School, Fifth Month 4, 1943)"

"The recommendation was approved and referred to the Nominating Committee."

The Nominating Committee was instructed to bring in to the meeting of this Committee on Fifth Month 2, recommendations of names to be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and this School Committee will forward the names of which it approves.

The report of the Headmistress of the Lincoln School was presented by Marion S. Cole, who also read a brief summary of the financial statement as of Sixth Month 30, the close of the fiscal year. A substantial balance was reported for the year's operation. These reports were approved.

T. Dwight Boole, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln School, reported on the negotiations between the School and Ella H. Ballou for the purchase of the Ballou property on Butler, East Orchard, and Oriole Avenues. He read the agreement which had been drawn under which the property was to be purchased for $15,000 and stipulating the specific restrictions. The Committee authorized the purchase and recommended that the procedure to be followed be the same as in the case of the purchase of another parcel of the same property. T. Dwight Boole, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln School, was authorized to sign the agreement.

It is the understanding of this Committee, that when the purchase has been made, formal approval will be obtained from the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting in order to clear any possible legal difficulties.

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Neither School presented budgets for the current year, and it was directed that these should be prepared as soon as possible and presented for the consideration of their respective Executive Committees.

As Moses Brown School will have a class graduating in Second Month, approval was given for formal Commencement Exercises at that time; the details are to be left to the Headmaster and faculty.

It was reported that Moses Brown School has in its possession bound volumes of Quaker periodicals which apparently are valuable reference material and should be placed in libraries where they will be available for research and study. The Headmaster was directed to communicate with Friends' libraries and the libraries of Friends' colleges to learn if the books would be acceptable additions to their collections.

Letters were read from Ethel M. Jones asking the Committee to reaffirm its earlier action with respect to the payment of an annuity of $480 from the Estate of her brother, Walter R. Jones. The question was referred to the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School, which is authorized to take such action as seems to it proper.

The Headmaster reported on a conference he had had with Ralph W. Farris, an attorney of Augusta, Maine, who is working on the question of tax exemption for the property on Islesboro, Maine. It is possible that some change in the wording of the charter may be desirable. The whole question is now being studied. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Adjourned to meet Fifth Month 2, 1944, unless called previously by the Presiding Clerk.

Gladstone Thomas

Recording Clerk

10/8/43-MS

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12/13/43-M1

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For the information of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee presented the budget for the academic year 1943-44. This budget already has been formally approved by the Finance Committee. It shows a total anticipated income of $191,506.00 with an anticipated expenditure of $189,483.00. The Finance Committee presented also the statement of income and expenditure compared with the budget for the period Seventh Month 1, 1943, to Tenth Month 31, 1943, and a cash account as of Tenth Month 31, 1943.

For the first third of the year, including the Summer School, operations have been within the amount budgeted.

Following a discussion of the general problem involving tuition charges, salaries, wages, and pensions, the Committee approved an increase in Tuition and Board and Tuition to begin Seventh Month 1, 1944, as follows:

	Present	New
Pre-Primary	$200	Same
I Primary	250	Same
II Primary	250	$300
III Primary	250	300
I,II,III,IV Intermediate	300	350
Upper School	400	450
Boarding	1,000	1,100

It was the opinion of the Committee that faculty salaries must inevitably move upward, and it was agreed that some immediate adjustment should be made for those members of the staff who live "outside" provided finances permit. The Headmaster is to make specific recommendations to the Committee at its next meeting.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held Twelfth Month 12, 1943, the following members were present: Edith L. Mufina, Gren D. Pierrel (Chairman), Thomas A. Tripp. An excuse for absence was received from Lyra T. Wilkins. Frances E. Wheeler and Charles F. Nisson are not available, one being South, the other abroad.

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Expenses for the maintenance of the property in Maine are to be handled for the present as current expenses in the regular school budget.

Approval was given to the expenditure of $750 for a motorized snowplow if one can be secured, and the cost met from current funds.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

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2/16/44 - E1

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held Second Month 16, 1944, at 1 P.M., present: Edith L. Buffum, Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas. Excuse for absence was received from Lyra T. Wolkins. Charles P. Sisson and Frances E. Wheeler are not available because of absence from New England.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

The Headmaster reported that Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson had presented a formal deed of gift for the furnishings in the house at Islesboro, Maine. Dr. Alexander C. Purdy, Presiding Clerk of the Moses Brown School Committee, has acknowledged the gift in behalf of the Committee, but as title for the property is in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, formal acceptance by the Yearly Meeting is necessary.

The Executive Committee therefore recommends to the Permanent Board that it accept, in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, the gift of personal property made by Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson, and that it provide the Executive Committee with a properly signed copy of the Minute for forwarding to Mrs. Anderson.

A portion of a letter from Ralph W. Farris, our attorney, to the Headmaster relative to the application for abatement of taxes for the year 1943 on the property at Islesboro was read. The Committee authorized the Headmaster to take whatever steps are necessary in this matter. It is hoped a satisfactory solution to the tax problem can be found.

Approval was given the recommendation that bonuses be paid this year to certain members of the staff. It was agreed that those staff members whose salary status had received special consideration this year should not be included. For others, a bonus of $150 is to be paid to those living outside the building, and $50 to those living in. Madame Warge, as part-time teacher, is to receive $25.

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An increase of $600 was made in the Headmaster's salary.

All of these salary adjustments become effective for the next academic year, beginning Seventh Month 1, 1944.

It was agreed that a Summer Session should be held at the School again this year. The experience of last year has been reported as most satisfactory and the need to provide our boys with an opportunity to secure their diplomas before entering the Service has not changed.

There was a discussion of the question of the incorporation of Moses Brown School and the Lincoln School. It was generally agreed that such incorporation was desirable and that probably Yearly Meeting control could be maintained by stipulating in the charter that a majority of members of the board or committee should be appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Gren O. Pierrel, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and L. Ralston Thomas, Headmaster, were asked to secure the advice of counsel on this matter and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Headmaster reported a gift of $100 for the establishment of a Library Fund in the name of Lillian H. Simmons, the income of the fund to be used for the purchase of books for the Library at the discretion of the Librarian. The gift was made by Mrs. Simmons' son, Cyril H. Simmons, a graduate of Moses Brown School in the Class of 1922. Additions may be made from time to time to the principal sum.

Adjourned.

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The Executive Committee's request that the Permanent Board accept in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England the gift of personal property made by Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson to the School was approved at the meeting held at Lynn, Massachusetts, Second Month 22, 1944. The Clerk and Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting were authorized to sign a formal acceptance in the name of the Yearly Meeting, and this acceptance was forwarded to Mrs. Anderson with a covering letter.

Ralph W. Farris, our attorney, has secured from the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Islesboro, Maine, notification that "the taxes on the Society of Friends for New England have been abated and will not again be assessed." The Headmaster informed the Committee, that, after consultation with the Chairman, a check for $248, payment in full of the bill, had been forwarded to Mr. Farris. The Committee records its satisfaction in the successful conclusion of this matter.

It was agreed that a separate account should be set up for the maintenance of the Grindel Point property (Anderson) and the maintenance expenses charged to the reserve rather than to current expenses.

The Headmaster reported that bonuses were paid to members of the staff in Third Month in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee at its meeting Second Month 16. The total distributed amounted to $1625. He reported also that salary adjustments for next year had been made in accordance with the Committee's decision at the same meeting.

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In view of the probable union of the two Yearly Meetings and the Independent Groups in New England, it was the consensus of this Committee that some general policy should be decided upon by the School Committee in order that the United Yearly Meeting might have the benefit of the experience and advice of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School.

Among the items considered were:

1. Size of the Committee.
2. Provision for a stipulated number of members to be chosen by the Committee itself.
3. Authority of the Committee to fill vacancies between sessions of the Yearly Meeting if such action should be desirable.
4. Limitation on re-election of Committee members.

It was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the School Committee without recommendation.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the financial statement of Third Month 31, 1944 (which was available for the inspection of the members of the Committee) indicated that the School continued to operate within its income.

Recording Clerk

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LILLIAN HOMER SIMMONS

Mrs. Lillian H. Simmons died in Providence, Rhode Island, First Month 8, 1944, after a short illness.

She came to Moses Brown School as treasurer and secretary to Dr. Gifford in 1914. She continued as bookkeeper and treasurer until 1929, when she took a year's leave of absence to regain her health which had not been good for some time.

At the end of that period she returned to Moses Brown for part-time work which she continued at irregular intervals until two or three years ago.

Over all these years she made a great contribution to the life of those with whom she camein contact at Moses Brown. Her interest in its welfare was a vital force in her life. Kind, cooperative, generous, she was always ready to help wherever a need appeared.

"Simmie" will be missed by all of those who knew her.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Among the many things which boys in Service mention in their letters, there recur two notes with great frequency. The first is an appreciation of the School and all it has meant to them, which the writers feel but have never before tried to put into words. The second is a plea that the School, in spite of the confusion and difficulties of these times, endeavor to maintain the standards, tradition, and atmosphere which characterize it in the memory of these fellows. Many of these boys are overseas; some of them have only recently left School, others have been out for some years.

Moses Brown has been able to maintain a degree of normal living which is in marked contrast to the changes which have taken place about us. In the modifications which have been necessary, faculty and administration have endeavored to maintain the firmness and steadiness which our boys need so much. These are critical times for students of all ages, and the School has a great responsibility to provide understanding, sympathy, and intelligent guidance.

Probably for the first time in the history of the School formal mid-year Commencement Exercises were held. Following a Baccalaureate Service on First Month 30, at which Alexander C. Purdy gave a fine address, the graduating class participated in the usual year-end activities culminating in graduation on Second Month 4. Diplomas were awarded

and Moses Brown orchestras. Students from all the independent schools participated, the Schools and the Parents League contributing financial support. This has been a successful venture and it is proposed to continue it another year. A community effort of this kind enlisting the cooperation of all the independent schools provides an opportunity which we believe has a real significance.

During the winter there were three changes in staff. Mr. William C. Petty, Jr. resigned shortly after the Christmas holiday. He had classes in English and French in the Upper School. This work was taken over by other members of the staff. Mrs. Florence E. Shawcross, who had charge of the Fourth Intermediate, lost her husband in First Month, and left shortly afterward. Her assistant, Miss Marjorie E. Jackson, who was dependent for transportation on Mrs. Shawcross, also withdrew. Their places were taken by Mrs. Doris Lippincott Miller, a graduate of Boston University, who has had a year of teaching experience, and Mrs. Anne Freeman Giraud, a Pembroke graduate, who came as an assistant. These teachers have done very well and it is hoped that they will continue another year.

There have been a few withdrawals and admissions of students, but the School population has remained surprisingly stable.

Other events on the calendar will be of interest to the Committee. The annual Lower School Exhibition ~~which~~ was held on the twenty-seventh of Fourth Month,

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with "Bookland" as a central theme. As always, this was an attractive and colorful exhibition of student work, to which were brought displays of old text books and a number of modern books of particular interest to younger boys.

Father and Son Day is scheduled for Fifth Month 19, under the sponsorship of the Executive Committee of the Parents Council, with an abbreviated program similar to the one which was so successful last year.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held Sixth Month 4, with Reverend Richard F. Beyer of the First Congregational Church, Concord, New Hampshire, as the minister.

Dr. Carl R. Woodward, President of Rhode Island State College, will speak at the Commencement Exercises on Sixth Month 8.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, salary bonuses were paid in Third Month to certain members of the staff. It was agreed that those whose salary status had received special consideration for this year should not be included; for others, a bonus of $150 was paid to those living outside the building and $50 to those living in.

An increase of $50 in the day tuition above the First Grade and $100 in board and tuition, for next year also was approved. These rates were included in the catalogue published this winter and the attention of parents was called to the fact that this schedule would become effective with the new academic year.

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In re-engaging the staff for next year the Headmaster was authorized to make adjustments in salaries which would in effect return them to the maximum of some years ago. The increase will amount to approximately ten per cent for those in the middle brackets and an increase in the total salary budget of approximately seven and one-half per cent, exclusive of new appointments. These adjustments have been very much appreciated by everyone, particularly as they were initiated in Committee and did not come as the result of a request from the faculty.

It would appear that there will be but one change in the teaching staff at the end of this year. In addition, Mrs. Lilian McMullen, assistant housemother in Belmont, will not return, and it will be necessary to secure at least one full-time man in the Upper School.

In spite of the increase in tuition, the re-registrations for next year are excellent and the new applications are coming in about as usual.

There will be two or three changes in the course of study. The General Science which has been a First Form subject, meeting three times a week, will be moved into the Second Form as a full course, five periods a week. It is planned to include in this course a larger amount of physiology and hygiene. A course in Geography will be given in the First Form, and it is hoped, in this Form also, to increase the amount of time for formal spelling and to include a class in penmanship.

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For many years formal college preparatory French has been begun in the Second Form, and three units of credit have been given for four years of work. Next year French will begin in the Third Form and a unit's credit will be given for each year of work, with the provision, however, that no credit will be given for less than two years of a language. This will put the French on the same basis as the other modern languages and the Latin.

A summer session will be available on the same basis as last year, to those who have completed their junior year at Moses Brown, and to a few qualified new students. Approximately eighteen of the present junior class either have registered or will register, and it is probable that we shall have about the same size group as last year. This summer session is an important part of our educational program, and should be continued as long as boys are being inducted into the national services at eighteen.

At the time Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson presented to the School her property at Islesboro, Maine, she indicated her intention of giving also the furnishings and equipment which were in the house. As there were a few items which she wished to retain, the formal deed of gift for this material was not made until Twelfth Month 31, 1943. This gift was acknowledged on behalf of the Committee by Alexander C. Purdy, the presiding clerk, but as the title is held by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, formal acceptance by the Yearly Meeting presiding clerk and treasurer was

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necessary. At the meeting of the Permanent Board on Second Month 22, authorization was given these officers to sign such an acceptance and it has been forwarded to Mrs. Anderson. This completes the formalities with respect to this very generous gift.

The Committee will be glad to learn also that after negotiations extending over a considerable period, Ralph W. Farris, our attorney in Maine, has secured from the chairman of the Selectmen of the Town of Islesboro a notification "that the taxes on the Society of Friends for New England have been abated and will not again be assessed."

The cost of maintaining this property, therefore, until such time as the School can begin to use it, should be relatively small.

No special mention need be made of the difficulties involved in maintaining service, repairs, and general upkeep of the school plant, and in securing necessary equipment. These are common to all institutions. It is a satisfaction, however, to know that we have on the ground sufficient coal to carry us through the greater part of next year.

The School continues to operate within its income. The bonuses given the staff, amounting to $1625, were taken from current income. The chairman of the Finance Committee will present the formal statement.

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In closing this report, special mention should be made of three gifts.

1. - $100 for a Library Fund, presented by Lieutenant Cyril H. Simmons, Class of 1922, in memory of his mother. The income of this is to be used for the purchase of books. It is probable that additions will be made from time to time to the principal.

2. - From Mrs. Henry I. Bowditch, three of whose sons graduated from Moses Brown School, we received a check for $500, without reservation as to its use. This has been set aside for the present as a special fund.

3. - From Mr. Edward E. Haire we received an upright piano. This is in excellent condition and will be most useful.

The Headmaster has acknowledged these gifts to the donors. We very much appreciate the kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness of our friends.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, on Fifth Month 2, 1944, Alexander C. Purdy presided, and the following members were present: Moses Bailey, T. Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Excuses for absence were received from Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Donald B. Snyder.

The Minutes of the meeting held at Moses Brown School Tenth Month 5, 1943, were approved as circulated.

The report of the Headmaster of Moses Brown School was read by L. Ralston Thomas.

Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Executive Committee, presented a brief summary of the financial statement as of Third Month 31, 1944.

He also read excerpts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee. These reports were received but discussion was postponed until later in the meeting.

The Presiding Clerk informed the Committee that L. Ralston Thomas had been awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences. We congratulate the Headmaster on the honor which has come to him and to the School in this recognition.

Marion S. Cole, before presenting the report of the Lincoln School, read a memorial to Miss Margaret Gilman, Principal of the Lincoln School from 1889 to 1911, who died on Third Month 21, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. This memorial had been prepared for the trustees of the Lincoln School. Miss Cole also gave a brief biography of Miss Gilman and an appreciation of her contribution to the establishment of the Lincoln School.

Following the Headmistress' report, T. Dwight Boole presented the report of the Executive Committee of Lincoln School.

The Ballou Property has been acquired and tax exemption secured. Tentative plans have been developed for the use of the house, but no final decision yet made. Because of the expense of alterations, these will be kept to a minimum.

The Committee wishes to minute its appreciation of the fine work of T. Dwight Boole, who handled so successfully all the arrangements in connection with the purchase of the property.

The Committee approves also the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Ballou house be called the Dwight House in honor of Miss Margarethe Dwight.

Miss Cole presented an informal resume of the financial report of the School.

In the absence of Frances E. Wheeler, Lyra T. Wolkins presented the following recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

> The Committee on Nominations suggests that the School Committee make the following recommendations to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for appointment to the School Committee.
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> For three years: Lyra T. Wolkins, Willis H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Edith L. Buffum, Charles F. Brown, Gren O. Pierrel, Frances E. Wheeler.
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> For one year:(in place of Clara W. Mumford, deceased) Susan L. Dow.
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> For two years; (in place of Sarah J. Swift, deceased) Willard E. Swift.
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> These changes will bring the numbers more evenly divided among the three-year appointments; seven for three years, seven for one year, six for two years. Willard E. Swift's term expires this year, and in order to place him in the room of his aunt, Sarah J. Swift, we suggest his reappointment on the two-year list.

This report was approved, and the Recording Clerk was directed to forward the recommendations to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee also recommended the appointment of Dr. Bruce M. Bigelow of Brown University to the School Committee, in accordance with the authority granted by the Yearly Meeting in 1939. This recommendation was approved and Dr. Bigelow duly appointed.

Lyra T. Wolkins, Frances E. Wheeler, Edward L.Macomber, Charles F. Brown were named as the Nominating Committee for next year.

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It was directed that the Scholarship Committee should be included in the list of committees recommended by the Nominating Committee in Tenth Month.

The Scholarship Committee for this year was approved as follows: Frances E. Wheeler, Edith L. Buffum, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The Headmaster and Headmistress are directed to prepare for presentation the annual report to the Yearly Meeting.

The following dates were approved for the meetings of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School for the next academic year:

Third Day, Tenth Month 3, 1944
Third Day, Fifth Month 1, 1945

at 10 A.M. at Moses Brown School. It is understood that the Presiding Clerk is authorized to call a meeting in Second Month if for any reason it should be deemed advisable.

Following an explanation of the situation, the Presiding Clerk presented a request from the Trustee of the Walter R. Jones Estate for proper authorization by this Committee to permit the settlement of the claim of Ethel M. Jones. The following Minute was specifically approved:

> The Trustee of the Walter R. Jones Estate requires an authorization in legal form for the yearly payment to Ethel M. Jones of $480 in equal monthly installments from January 22, 1943, until the death of Gertrude Rickaby Jones (at which time the said annual payment will be made pursuant to the stated terms of the will) in settlement out of court of her claim. This payment is to be made only during the lifetime of Ethel M. Jones.
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> The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School approves this procedure and recommends to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England that it authorize the Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and Treasurer to sign the five copies of the proposed order. The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School recommends also that the Presiding Clerk prepare a certified copy of the minute authorizing the execution of the order to be submitted therewith.

The Headmaster reported that in accordance with the Minute of the Committee in Tenth Month, he had communicated with a number of Friends' libraries and libraries

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The Yearbooks and Yearbuilders are directed to prepare for presentation the annual report to the Yearly Meeting.

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The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School approves this proposal and recommends to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England that it authorize the Presiding Clerk and Treasurer to sign the five copies of the proposed order. The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School recommends also that the Presiding Clerk prepare a certified copy of the minute authorizing the execution of the

of Friends' colleges with reference to the bound volumes of Quaker periodicals now in possession of Moses Brown School. Several requests have been received from Librarians. These requests are referred to the Headmaster, and he is authorized to make such disposition of the periodicals as seems to him proper.

There was a discussion of several of the matters brought forward by the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School.

The Executive Committee is directed to look into the matter of all funds held in trust for Moses Brown School and Lincoln School by the Yearly Meeting, to locate the deeds of gifts and property, and to find, if possible, the statement of conditions attached to any of the funds.

Because of lack of time, certain matters suggested by the Executive Committee are referred to the next meeting of the School Committee.

The Presiding Clerk was asked to prepare and present to the meeting in Tenth Month a Minute in appreciation of the twenty years' service of the Headmaster.

Adjourned, to meet at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 22, 1944, to consider the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee and such other emergency questions as may arise.

L Clarkson Thomas

Recording Clerk

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-fifth annual report.

Moses Brown School

When it opened on June 21, 1943, for its first formal summer session, Moses Brown departed from a program which had been in effect for seventy-five years. To the world at large today, such a change is of little note; but in the life of a school it is important. It leads to a rechecking of our bearings, a re-examination of the past, and a scrutiny of the future. When we look into the history of the School, we read again the story of change within permanence, of evolution without departure from the purpose for which the School was founded.

For the first nineteen years of its existence, from 1819 to 1838, School kept open the year round, with practically no recess. The year was divided into quarters, attendance was for irregular periods, pupils entered and left school without regard for formal opening or closing dates. In 1838 the year was divided into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, the summer term beginning about the first of Fifth Month and the winter term sometime in Eleventh Month. Fifteen years later the terms were shortened and the holidays increased to four weeks each. During this first period there was no formal course of study leading to graduation; no certificates or diplomas had been awarded. At this point, thirty-five years after the School's

opening, a formal course of study was set up, and in 1857 Mary S. Harris received the first diploma awarded by Moses Brown School. In 1858 two other young ladies were so honored, to be followed in 1859 by the first boy. On this basis, the School continued to operate without marked change until 1867, when the practice of holding school during the summer was abolished, not to be reestablished until 1943.

The academic year 1943-44 began with a summer semester. There were twenty-eight students enrolled, including seven house boys. Of these nineteen were candidates for graduation in Second Month of this year. In ten weeks of the summer session they completed the same work and maintained the same standards as other senior classes in the regular first semester. The accelerated program provided many of them with an opportunity to graduate, which otherwise would have been denied them.

Probably for the first time in the history of the School formal mid-year Commencement Exercises were held. Following a Baccalaureate Service on First Month 30, at which Alexander C. Purdy gave a fine address, the graduating class participated in the usual year-end activities, culminating in graduation on Second Month 4. William Mather Lewis, President of Lafayette College, was the speaker.

The second section of the class of 1944 held its Commencement Exercises on Sixth Month 8. At that time eighteen diplomas were awarded, one <u>in absentia</u>. Richard F. Beyer, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Concord, New Hampshire, gave the Baccalaureate Address, and Carl R. Woodward, President of Rhode

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Island State College, was the Commencement speaker.

The enrollment for the year has been excellent, with a total of 361 divided as follows:

Belmont	19	Lower School Day	141
Upper School House	58	Upper School Day	143

The School has been fortunate in having an excellent permanent staff of well-trained and experienced teachers. The changes which have come have for the most part not affected these men and women. Basil G. Meserve, teacher of English and Student Adviser, is on leave of absence and is now in the Civilian Public Service Camp at Cooperstown, New York. Mrs. Mary G. Annin, who has had charge of the music in the Moses Brown Lower School and at Lincoln School for a number of years, gave up her work at Moses Brown. The other changes in staff were among those on annual appointment, and satisfactory arrangements were made for the academic work. It is necessary, however, to operate with a smaller number of young men. Excepting on the play fields the work has been well covered by reasonably competent appointments. Boys have continued to share some of the routine work and in emergencies they have taken on extra duties.

The health of the School has been reasonably good, but with the present demand on hospitals, more boys have been cared for in our own infirmaries. Excepting for emergencies and contagious diseases, the local hospitals have not been used. We have been fortunate this year in having a second full-time registered nurse on the staff.

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No important change was made in the course of study, although increased emphasis was given to music in both Upper and Lower Schools. Under the leadership of John H. Mitchell, interest in music, instrumental, vocal, and music appreciation, has increased in the Upper School. In the Lower School more formal work has been done and an organized course of study set up, under the direction of Editha M. Thomas. In the fall the Upper School boys had an excellent band; at Christmas the Lower School presented a Nativity pageant with music; during the winter term the interest of the whole school was centered in a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's PIRATES OF PENZANCE, which was presented at the Lincoln School before the spring holiday. Girls' choruses were coached by Mrs. Annin, boys' choruses by Mr. Mitchell, and the performances directed by Mrs. Thomas. This was one of the most successful joint enterprises the Schools have ever had. During the winter also an inter-school orchestra was formed under the leadership of Mr. Mitchell, and sponsored by a committee of the Parents League. Students from all five independent school in the vicinity participated.

A variety of student activities has engaged the attention of many of the boys outside of class. Athletic schedules have been somewhat, although not seriously, modified to meet present conditions. The School has participated in a number of community enterprises, and two students represented the student body at a meeting of the Quaker Headmasters in Washington in Fourth Month. At this meeting there were boys and girls from nine Friends'

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schools who met to discuss problems of common concern. Moses Brown boys shared in the conferences of the Interfaith Council at Brown University. Through the Student Activities Committee, the students have made contributions to a number of important organizations in which they are interested. Among these were Community Fund, American Red Cross, Caney Creek Community Center, Tuskeegee Institute, American Foundation for the Blind, Hampton Institute, Sparta Agricultural and Industrial Institute, American Friends Service Committee, Near East Foundation, American Farm School, American Mission to Lepers.

The annual Lower School Exhibition was held on the twenty-seventh of Fourth Month, with "Bookland" as a central theme. As always, this was an attractive and colorful exhibition of student work, to which were brought displays of old textbooks and a number of modern books of particular interest to younger boys.

Though the program for the School's annual Father and Son Day has been limited in the past two years, the recent celebration outshone all others in the satisfactions it gave to boys and men. More than six hundred had luncheon together in the Grove and shared all the pleasures of the day.

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In Third Month, salary bonuses were made available to certain members of the staff - all those whose salary status had not received special consideration for this year. In re-engaging staff, the Headmaster was authorized to make adjustments in salaries which would in effect return them to the maximum of some years ago.

An increase of fifty dollars in the day tuition above the First Grade and $100 in board and tuition for next year also was approved.

Dr. Bruce M. Bigelow, of Brown University, was appointed to the School Committee in accordance with the authority granted by the Yearly Meeting in 1939.

At the time Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Anderson presented to the School their property at Islesboro, Maine, they indicated their intention of giving also the furnishings and equipment which were in the house. This formal deed of gift has been made and accepted on behalf of the School Committee and by the Presiding Clerk and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Exemption from taxes on this property has now been secured from the Selectmen of the town of Islesboro. We deeply appreciate this fine gift of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. It is proposed to use the property for summer school purposes as soon as conditions permit.

The Committee wishes to make special mention of two other gifts to the School:

> One hundred dollars for a library fund, presented by Cyril H. Simmons of the Class of 1922, in memory of his mother.

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Five hundred dollars from Mrs. Henry I. Bowditch, three of whose sons graduated from Moses Brown. This gift is without reservation.

We are grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of our friends.

As we look back over the past year and see the School in the light of its whole history, we ask ourselves one question: Has it kept true to the purposes and ideals of its founder, to the teachings and beliefs of Friends?

To find the answer to this question, we turn again to the letter which Moses Brown wrote to the Meetings for Sufferings on the fourth of Fifth Month 1814. In that letter offering the land on which the School stands, he expressed his belief "that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of Truth." Through the past century and a quarter those words have been the School's article of faith. Today, in times of unprecedented change and upheaval, the School is still faithful to that belief, still honorably serves the purpose for which it was intended. It still provides for its students, physically and spiritually, a guarded education. Amid the quiet beauty of its surroundings they experience the benefits of disciplined living in work and play. About the strife which consumes the attention and energy of the world they are kept informed without emotionalism and to the best of our ability. We have endeavored to help each maturing boy in his search for truth. We have sought to give him the facts on which to make the decisions he alone must make, but we have

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also sought to communicate to him a sense of responsibility to himself and to his fellowmen.

How well the School has succeeded in its work is not for us to say. There are no scales for measuring intangibles, and a school deals in the intangibles of human character. What Moses Brown School has to offer to the rising generation has been sought after in all its history. As far as it is given to us to see into the future, we have assurance that it will continue to be sought after.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

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Headmaster

At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held at Ocean Park, Maine, Sixth Month 22, 1944, at 9 P.M., the following were present: Edith L. Buffum, Rufus M. Jones, Margaret G. Sisson, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins, Marion S. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Marion S. Cole, and L. Ralston Thomas, reported that scholarship funds available amounted to $2,650, which has been divided as follows: Lincoln School, $1,619.44; Moses Brown School, $1,030.56.

Marion S. Cole presented a list of Lincoln School girls to whom scholarships have been awarded and the amounts made available to them. L. Ralston Thomas presented a similar list for Moses Brown School. These recommendations of the Scholarship Committee were approved.

A letter from the Friends Council on Education in Philadelphia was read. It is proposed to initiate a conference of members of Friends Schools Committees to discuss matters of common interest. This Committee favors such a conference. It is probable that we shall not send representatives, but we hope to be kept informed of the discussions. The Headmaster was directed to inform the Council of this action.

Frances E. Wheeler was designated by the Committee to present to the Yearly Meeting information with regard to the honorary degree awarded to the Headmaster this year.

L. Ralston Thomas

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Recording Clerk Pro Tem

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At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held at the School, Seventh Month 5, 1944, at four o'clock, the following members were present: Grace S. Pierrel, Chairman, Donald E. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Lyre V. Wilkins, L. Walston Thomas. Excuses for absence were received from Edith D. Huffum, Charles H. White.

The Minutes of the meeting held Fourth Month 27, were approved as circulated.

It was reported that the Yearly Meeting had approved the recommendation of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School with respect to the Walter H. Jones Estate. The Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the Treasurer have been authorized to sign the legal document requested by the Trustee.

Maud E. Hersey died Sixth Month 30, 1944, after a long illness. Mrs. Hersey came to Moses Brown in 1906, as house mother for the younger boys of Belmont, and special teacher. She continued here in that capacity for thirty-three years, retiring during the academic year 1938-1939 because of poor health. For the past five years she has been a patient at Butler Hospital, in fair health. For more than three decades "Missee" was mother to hundreds of boys. She watched over them carefully, was firm or sympathetic as the case demanded, and gave them the love they needed. Her little boys have scattered all over the world, but all of them look back to her with affection and thankfulness.

In the will of Sophia Lord Pitman Moses Brown School was designated as the residuary legatee. The Estate has now been settled, and the Executor has informed us that there were not sufficient funds to provide for all of the specific bequests, and there will be no residue.

There are twenty-one students in the Summer School, four of whom are house boys. One boy is here for the summer

only and will enter Brown University in the fall. The others are taking the Summer Session with a view to graduation in Second Month. We have the same staff as a year ago.

The enrollment for next year is excellent. In the Upper School there are 215 boys registered, 59 in the house. This really is slightly over our capacity, but we can provide for them without difficulty if we are successful in securing an adequate staff. Two additional masters are needed and no one is in sight.

The Headmaster presented the list of major jobs for the summer budget. Most of these come under the head of routine maintenance inasmuch as they recur periodically. The new Teachers' Lounge on the third floor and the furnishings for the Lounge are new jobs. The estimate for the Lounge is $800; furnishings, $300. The Committee gave approval to this project and approved also the general estimate of $4,038.50.(summer work)

A budget for the three months Seventh Month 1, 1944, to Ninth Month 30, 1944, was presented. This was an expenditure budget amounting to $43,176.85, an increase of approximately $3500 over the expenditures for the same period last year."

The question of pensions was discussed briefly at the close of the meeting. Among the suggestions made were: (1) that we should have a contributing plan and that we should not delay inaugurating the contributing feature; (2) that for the period of service before a contributing plan became effective and for those who retire in the immediate future without having participated in a contributing plan, a program of one per cent of the salary for each year of service should be in effect (a retirement allowance for anyone reaching the age of 65 after twenty-five years of service would be twenty-five per cent of his salary); (3) there should be some flexibility as to the retirement age.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman, probably in Ninth Month.

Charlotte Thomas

Recording Clerk, Pro Tem

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The enrollment for next year is excellent. In the Upper School there are 218 boys registered, 67 in the Lower. This really is slightly over our capacity, but we can provide for them without difficulty if we are successful in assuring an adequate staff. Two additional masters are needed and in one is in sight.

The Headmaster presented the list of major jobs for the summer budget. Most of these come under the head of routine maintenance inasmuch as they recur periodically. The new Teachers' Lounge on the third floor and the furnishings for the Lounge are new jobs. The estimate for the Lounge is $600; furnishings, $300. The Committee gave approval to this project and approved also the general estimate of $4,068.00.

A budget for the three months Seventh Month 1, 1944, to Ninth Month 30, 1944, was presented. This was an expenditure budget amounting to $43,176.00, an increase of approximately $3500 over the expenditures for the same period last year.

The question of pensions was discussed briefly at the close of the meeting. Among the suggestions made were: (1) that we should have a contributing plan and that we should not delay inaugurating the contributing feature; (2) that for the period of service before a contributing plan became effective and for those who retire in the immediate future without having participated in a contributing plan, a program of one per cent of the salary for each year of service should be in effect (a retirement allowance for anyone reaching the age of 65 after

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MAUD W. HERSEY

Mrs. Maud W. Hersey died at Butler Hospital, Providence, Sixth Month 30, 1944. She had not been in good health since her retirement during the academic year 1938-1939, and her condition gradually became worse.

"Missee" became House Mother of Belmont and special teacher of little boys in 1906 and continued in that post until her retirement.

She had a place in her heart for every one of the hundreds of little boys who were in her care. No one could have been more devoted to them. She understood their problems and gave them a security often denied to little boys away from home. Missee was in fact a mother to every one of them, and her boys the world over remember her with appreciation and devotion. No task seemed too little or too great where their interests were involved. She was proud of the School, and her interest in its welfare continued to the end of her life. We owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

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To the Committee in Charge of Moses Brown School:

Commencement - At the Commencement Exercises held Sixth Month 8, 1944, the second section of the senior class was graduated. Eighteen boys received diplomas, one in absentia. Five have gone on to college as civilians, two are in college under V-12, three under V-5, three under A-12, one has been inducted as an Army Air Reservist, one is in the Navy, three are civilians not yet in Service or College.

The Reverend Richard F. Beyer of the First Congregational Church, Concord, New Hampshire, delivered the Baccalaureate Address, and Dr. Carl R. Woodward, President of Rhode Island State College, was the Commencement Speaker.

Summer Session - On Sixth Month 19th the second summer session began. This year there were twenty-one boys, twenty of whom are now in the second half of their senior year and candidates for graduation in Second Month. One boy completed his preparation for college. In spite of spells of extremely hot and uncomfortable weather, the group worked well. As a whole it did not have the academic ability of the boys a year ago, and consequently an additional load was thrown on the teaching staff. These teachers have now been working for two years with only short holidays. They have done an excellent job. It has been our hope that a third summer session would not be necessary, but the current announcements from the Selective Service headquarters are not

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encouraging. We must continue to provide an opportunity for graduation for our older boys as long as present conditions exist.

Summer Work - There was considerable general maintenance and repair work during the summer, most of which was completed satisfactorily in spite of much difficulty in securing sufficient labor and materials.

A Faculty Lounge on the third floor was the only new job. This is attractive and comfortable, and is much appreciated by the staff.

For the most part the buildings and grounds are in good condition. The barn has been repainted and a new color scheme used. One faculty house is scheduled for repainting this fall. An attempt was made to resurface the hard tennis courts. This has not been completed and the courts are useless in their present condition. The contractor ran out of material before he finished and apparently no more is available for the moment.

The hurricane this time did very little damage as compared with six years ago. We shall lose one big white oak and there is considerable trimming to be done on a few other trees. A number of small trees which were planted following the last storm have had to be replanted and there was some slight damage due to water in the main building. The center of the storm passed directly over Providence and the communities south and east of us took the full force of the blow.

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Upper and Lower Schools opened on the twentieth of Ninth Month with a very full enrollment. The Upper School is the largest it has ever been and applications for some Forms have been refused since early in the summer. In the Lower School all grades are completely full excepting the Pre-Primary, First, and Third Primaries. In each of these groups it would be possible to take two or three additional students only. Totals are as follows:

Belmont	16	Upper School House	72	
Lower School Day	139	Upper School Day	151	Total
	155		223	378

This increase is particularly satisfactory in view of the additionalcharge for tuition and board and tuition. Considerable help has been given, but for the most part parents have accepted the additional cost as a matter of course.

Since the rationing of gasoline a larger proportion of our day boys have taken their noon meal at the School. The dining room last year was operating nearly at capacity. This year there were sufficient tables to provide for only the "regulars" and there were no places for the transients who stay on rainy days and at other times as a convenience to their families. A few of you may remember when the East Dining Room was regularly used. Much reduced in size, it has been for many years a service dining room. We have now taken it over again for nineteen boys and a master; this gives us a little leeway in the main dining room.

Staff - The problem of maintaining an adequate staff, especially in the Upper School, is a difficult one, and no

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doubt this condition will continue to exist for some time. In order to secure men who are at all competent it is frequently necessary to make annual appointments at salaries entirely outside our normal schedules. This is thoroughly unsatisfactory and yet no other procedure is possible. We need at present one Upper School master. Other than that, the teaching staff is complete. A number of the men, however, are not useful in extra-curricular activities, particularly sports, and this throws an extra burden on the regular staff. The changes this year are as follows:

Lower School - Dorothy Davis, who has had charge of the Sixth Grade for three years, resigned. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Doris Lippincott Miller, who had charge of the Fourth Intermediate at the end of last year.

Ralph C. Lewis, Jr. has been appointed to the Fourth Intermediate. He is a graduate of Rhode Island State College, was injured in training in the Marine Corps, and has been discharged from Service.

Mrs. Anne Freeman Giraud resigned to join her husband who was wounded in the South Pacific. Mrs. Florence Sayre Cullen, who has been a part-time teacher for some years, has now been made a regular assistant in the Third and Fourth Intermediate Grades.

Miss Lois Colinan is the assistant in the First and Second Intermediate Grades. Miss Colinan is a graduate of Pembroke, in Brown University, and comes to Moses Brown with limited experience.

Louise Martin, the Primary Assistant of last year, has accepted a regular appointment in the Gordon School and her place has been taken by Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson. Mrs. Nelson is a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education and has been a teacher in the Central Falls system.

Mrs. Caroline Lindh replaces Mrs. Lilian McMullen as an assistant House Mother in Belmont. Mrs. Lind's husband was a graduate of Moses Brown School, her two daughters attended Lincoln School, and she has many Friendly connections.

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Upper School - Robert R. Covell, a graduate of Harvard, formerly a teacher at St. George's and at Andover Summer School, will teach Mathematics. He takes the place of Frederick C. Ferry, Jr., Director of Admissions at Rhode Island School of Design, who was here on a special arrangement last year, and has now had to take over his admissions work on a full-time basis.

~~Henry~~ Harry E. Cressman, graduate of Muhlenberg College, with limited teaching experience, will teach Biology and General Science.

There are three classes in English and two in Geography in the lower Forms which are covered temporarily by other men For this work a competent teacher is yet to be found.

Change in Program - There are three changes in the program of studies. For a number of years we have begun the serious study of French in the Second Form and continued it through the Fifth. German and Spanish, on the other hand, have been begun in the Third Form. This year the Second Form French has been dropped and three units' credit will be given for three years' work. This change has the approval of the Department, although we may wish eventually to go back to the old plan. The General Science, which has been given as a half credit in the First Form, has now been shifted into the Second Form as a full course. As a Second Form (ninth grade) subject it will be entitled to a credit for college and consequently will relieve to some extent the pressure on the upper Forms. In the First Form we are beginning a full course in Geography. Adequate textbooks at this level seem to be non-existent, but it is important that these boys should have a better understanding of the world in which we live in 1944, of the changes which the air age must inevitably bring about, and of the interdependence of the

countries of the world. Properly taught, this course can b e of inestimable value to them.

Will of Mary D. Slocomb - In Seventh Month the Headmaster was notified by the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, acting as executor of the Will of Mary D. Slocomb, a former resident of North Smithfield, that under her will there was a bequest of $2000 to the Moses Brown School. Mary D. Slocomb died on Seventh Month 8, 1943. The fourth paragraph of her will reads as follows: "I give and bequeath to Moses Brown School in Providence, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2000), for the benefit of needy students." This money has been received but has not yet been turned over to the Board of Managers for investment. Proper acknowledgment has been made to the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company but to no one else. Any information about Mary D. Slocomb will be very much appreciated. The Committee should direct that this sum be turned over to the Board of Managers for investment. In fulfillment of the bequest the income from this fund should be used to aid needy students.

Sophia L. Pitman - Under the will of Sophia L.Pitman, the School was to have been the residuary legatee. We have been informed, however, that there was no residue.

Gifts - Acknowledgment should be made also of the following gifts:

From George W. Silsby of Boston, two pictures of the School, one of them colored. He also presented three letters written by students of the early days while they were at the School.

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From Robert G. Mead of New York, a photograph of Augustine Jones.

From Mrs. Daniel Howland of Providence, a small collection of old books. Some of these are of interest and value to the School; the others have been disposed of.

From the Providence Monthly Meeting, a package containing some steel engravings of Moses Brown.

We are grateful to all friends for their thoughtfulness.

The Hartford National Bank and Trust Company has forwarded a copy of the probate account of the Walter R. Jones Trust for the year ending Sixth Month 1, 1944. This is available for examination by any members of the Committee.

Finances - With this report are submitted the financial statements for the fiscal year which ended Sixth Month 30, 1944, including balance sheet as of 6/30/44, statement of income and expenditures compared with the budget 7/1/43 - 6/30/44, and the cash account as of 6/30/44.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School, on Tenth Month 3, 1944, the following members were present: Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Edward L. Macomber, Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder, Thomas A. Tripp, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.

Excuses for absence were received from Moses Bailey, Rufus M. Jones, Alexander C. Purdy, Margaret G. Sisson, Willis H. White.

In the absence of the Clerk, Donald B. Snyder was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Minutes of the meeting held at Moses Brown School in Fifth Month, and at Ocean Park, Maine, in Sixth Month, were approved as circulated.

Frances E. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following recommendations:

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy
Recording Clerk: L. Ralston Thomas
Executive Committee: Charles H. White, Thomas A. Tripp, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles P. Sisson, Donald B. Snyder, Lyra T. Wolkins, Edith L. Buffum, Frances E. Wheeler, Alexander C. Purdy, ex-officio. (It is understood that Charles P. Sisson is on leave of absence for the present.)
Trustees of Lincoln School: Moses Bailey, Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Gren O. Pierrel, Alexander C. Purdy, Charles P. Sisson, Margaret G. Sisson, Norman S. Taber, L. Ralston Thomas, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Lyra T. Wolkins.
Endowment Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Willard E. Swift, Charles F. Brown, Edith L. Buffum.
Finance Committee: Thomas A. Tripp, Charles P. Sisson, Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White.
Additional Member not belonging to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England: Richard M. Gummere.

These were approved and the officers and committees appointed accordingly.

It was reported that the recommendation of this Committee to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee relative to appointments to the School Committee had been approved, and the Nominees duly named.

The recommendations of this Committee with respect to the Walter R. Jones Estate were also approved by the Yearly Meeting and the legal documents, signed by the Clerk and the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, were forwarded to the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company.

Since the last meeting of this Committee, bound volumes of Quaker Periodicals (see Minutes of 5/2/44) were sent to the libraries of Guilford College, Harvard Univ ersity, Swarthmore College, and to the Indiana State Library.

Marion S. Cole presented the formal report for Lincoln School, and the report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30th. These reports were received with expressions of appreciation.

There was no formal report of the Executive Committee of Lincoln School.

L. Ralston Thomas presented the report of the Headmaster of Moses Brown School. This was approved.

The Committee is pleased to learn that under the will of Mary D. Slocomb, a former resident of North Smithfield, who died Seventh Month 1943, the School received a bequest for $2000. The fourth paragraph of her will reads as follows: "I give and bequeath to MOSES BROWN SCHOOL in Providence, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2000) for the benefit of needy students." The Headmaster is directed to turn over this sum to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds for investment, and to use the income to aid needy students. The Fund will be known as the Mary D. Slocomb Scholarship Fund.

The financial statements of Moses Brown School for the

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fiscal year Seventh Month 1, 1943 - Sixth Month 30, 1944 were presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Gren O. Pierrel. He presented also the budget for the first three months of the current year which had been approved by the Executive Committee. These reports were approved.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held Seventh Month 5, 1944, were read, and there was a discussion of the pension situation. A number of suggestions have been made, and the whole matter is having the consideration of the Executive Committee. The hope was expressed that at the meeting of the School Committee in Fifth Month, there might be presented a definite program for the consideration of this Committee.

Coleman & Company has advised the Headmaster that the two houses at 305 and 313 Hope Street are to be sold together. This matter was referred to Gren O. Pierrel, Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, with power.

Adjourned, to meet Third Day, Fifth Month first, 1945, unless called previously by the Presiding Clerk.

L. Ralston Thomas
Recording Clerk

Recording Clerk

11/9/44-M1

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office Eleventh Month 9, 1944, at 4 o'clock, the following members were present: Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman, Edith L. Buffum, Thomas A. Tripp, L. Ralston Thomas.

Excuses for absence were received from Donald B. Snyder, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins.

The Minutes of the meeting held Seventh Month fifth were approved as circulated.

A letter from Ethel M. Jones was read. In it she acknowledged the receipt from the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company of a sum of money covering the allowance of forty dollars a month since her parents' death (in accordance with the recommendation of the School Committee) and expressed her appreciation to the School Committee.

A letter has been received also from Helen T. Gifford expressing the Giffords' appreciation of the financial help granted Thomas and the other boys, Seth and Philip, while they were at Moses Brown.

The Headmaster reported gifts as follows:

From Mrs. Daniel Howland: additional books, many of which the School is very glad to have.

From Kenneth M. Harlowe, graduate of Moses Brown School in the Class of 1921, and an active member of the Providence Players: several books on stage craft; these are being deposited in the Library where they will be available for all boys; they are of particular interest to the members of the Proscenium Club.

From Charles G. Greenhalgh: a check for $1000. The Committee wishes to express appreciation to Mr. Greenhalgh for his generosity and directs that the money be turned over to the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds for investment as the Charles G. Greenhalgh Fund. It is understood that this fund may be used at the discretion of the School Committee, but at Mr. Greenhalgh's request it is to be put with the permanent funds and not used for current expenses.

Real Estate - Following a conversation with Gren O. Pierrel and Charles H. White, local members of the Finance Committee, the Headmaster informed the real estate company that the School was not interested in the houses at 305 and 313 Hope Street which are available for purchase. The Committee

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approved this decision.

Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Headmaster had been authorized to purchase a Steinway grand piano for use in Alumni Hall, at a cost of $1000. The Committee gave this action its formal approval.

On the recommendation of the Headmaster, approval was given the transfer of $15,000, accumulated cash, to the Moses Brown School Improvement Fund. It was directed that this sum be turned over to the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds for investment.

The financial statement for the period Seventh Month 1, 1944 - Ninth Month 30, 1944, and the budget comparisons were presented. With an adjustment of $3880, a pre-payment on incidental charges of students, this shows a budget of $43,176.85, and an expenditure of $43,382.01. This was approved.

The budget for the academic year 1944-1945 was presented. This indicates an anticipated income of $224,375 and an anticipated expenditure of $213,000 leaving a balance of $11,375. This budget was approved, including the recommendation that $5000 of the anticipated balance be set aside for the Pension Fund.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds holds for the School funds with a face value of $602,012.73. Against this, however, there is a loss account of $228,545.96. It was reported that the Board of Managers is considering the advisability of distributing this loss account to the funds in proportion to their part in the total, and in this way show the true value of the funds and eliminate a loss account which has been carried for many years.

The Executive Committee of Moses Brown School believes that this is a sound procedure and recommends to the Board of Managers that such action be taken.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Recording Clerk

approves this decision.

Grace C. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the deadmaster had been authorized to purchase a Stairway grand piano for use in Alumni Hall, at a cost of $1000. The Committee gave this action its formal approval.

On the recommendation of the Deadmaster, approval was given the transfer of $11,[illegible], accumulated [illegible], to the Moses Brown School Improvement Fund. It was directed that this sum be turned over to the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds for Investment.

The financial statement for the period Seventh Month 1, 1944 - Ninth Month 30, 1944, and the budget comparisons were presented. With an adjustment of $[illegible], a pre-payment on incidental charges of students, this shows a budget of $43,[illegible], and an expenditure of $[illegible]. This was approved.

The budget for the academic year 1944-1945 was presented. This indicates an anticipated income of $[illegible] and an anticipated expenditure of $[illegible] leaving a balance of $11,[illegible]. This budget was approved, including the recommendation that $5000 of the anticipated balance be set aside for the Pension Fund.

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The Minutes of the meeting held Eleventh Month 9, 1944, were read and approved.

The financial statement showing income and expenditures with the budget comparisons for the period Seventh Month 1, 1944-Second Month 28, 1945, and the cash account as of Second Month 28, 1945, were presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Gren O. Pierrel. These were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Headmaster made an oral report which included Mid-Year Graduation, Program for Summer School, Re-Registration of Old Boys, New Registrations, and Probable Changes in Faculty.

The recommendation that the School offer a scholarship to a French boy for next year on the same basis as the International Schoolboy Fellowship had the unanimous approval of the Committee.

An anonymous gift of $1000 was announced. (This, for the Committee's information, was made by Mr.and Mrs. Richard F. Richardson whose son Bruce, a Naval Officer, a graduate of Moses Brown, was killed in the war.) The Richardsons asked that any public announcement of this gift indicate that it was presented anonymously. It is understood that this fund may be used at the discretion of the School Committee, but not for current expenses. It was directed that this be turned over to the Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds for investment.

The Headmaster was directed to report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting the list of unattached and undesignated funds which we have received in recent years, with the thought that some arrangement may be made by which these

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The Minutes of the meeting held Eleventh Month 9, 1944, were read and approved.

The financial statement showing income and expenditures with the budget comparisons for the period Seventh Month 1, 1944-Second Month 28, 1945, and the cash account as of Second Month 28, 1945, were presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Oren G. Pierrel. These were accepted and ordered placed on file.

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funds may be grouped and still retain their identity as individual gifts.

Following a conversation with Gren O. Pierrel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Headmaster informed the Real Estate Company that the School was not interested in purchasing the house at 255 Hope Street. This building is assessed at $27,100; the price desired is indicated as $25,000. The Committee approved this decision.

In 1941 a survey was made of the School's power and light situation. At that time conditions were such that the engineer recommended our continuing to make the power as we had been doing. It was recognized that because of the age of some of the equipment (both steam engines having been in continuous operation for more than forty years) the time would come when the whole question would need to be reviewed. Since 1941 there have been many changes which affect the operation of the plant. The Government's requirement in 1942 that we change immediately from oil to coal not only greatly increased the cost of operation due to increased cost of fuel, but substantially increased labor costs. Problems have become more acute recently due to the difficulty of securing adquate labor, to the prospective reduction in the fuel which will be available another year, and to the inevitable changes in staff which we face in the near future. Through the good offices of Mr. William Webster, the Narragansett Electric Company was asked to survey the situation again, and to make a report on the comparative cost of purchased and generated power, and the probable cost of the change-over. It is obvious from the report and from the check of our own figures made by Mr. Jernquist and Mr. Sargent, that a substantial saving can be made in current operating cost by the purchase of electric power. The proposition made by the Narragansett Electric Company and contained in a letter over the signature of Mr. A. Del Sesto, Power Engineer, is shown below:

IS LETTER IS CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMATION FOR THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ONLY

"This will confirm our recent conversation on the proposed installation of Narragansett Electric Company service for light and power for the Moses Brown School.

"Tentative estimates indicate that the total cost of the necessary facilities will be approximately $9,300., of which $750. is for the line from the street and $8,550. for a vault and change-over from Direct Current to Alternating Current.

"If light and power is purchased, the Company will build the line from the street at no expense to the School. The School will construct the vault and provide for the change-over to Alternating Current. The Company will advance $7,500 toward this cost, or the cost if it amounts to less than $7,500.

"The School will be billed on the applicable Narragansett Electric Company rate schedule, probably Power Rate "G-2", but for the first four years of the contract the School will pay an additional amount of $900. per year, prorated monthly, as partial reimbursement for the $7,500. advance. Under the Company's Power Rate "G-2", the cost of electricity normally used by the School will be $2,300 per year.

"All facilities covered in the above estimate, including the line from the street, will become the property of and be maintained by the School.

"The Company will furnish, own and maintain the transformers in the vault and the metering equipment."

The Executive Committee accepts the proposition and authorizes the Headmaster to proceed at once with the conversion as indicated. Recognizing that the figures given are necessarily approximate, the Headmaster is given authority to expend an additional amount not to exceed 15% of the quotation.

The meeting adjourned.

L. Ralston Thomas

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Clerk

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EMILY SISSON WHITE

Emily Sisson White, a student at Friends' School in 1875, died suddenly on Third Month 19, 1945, at her home, 287 Highland Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. She was in her ninetieth year.

Although not a member of the Committee, she was, during the greater part of her long life, closely identified with the School. Willis H. White and Charles H. White have been members of the School Committee for many years. Other close relatives were members of the School Committee and held offices in this body and in the Yearly Meeting, and some thirty relatives are graduates of Friends' School and Moses Brown.

She did not graduate from the School because of illness during her senior year, but she was always a very loyal supporter and attended every Commencement for fifty years.

Emily White was a birthright Friend and a member of the Providence Monthly Meeting for sixty years. She was born in Anthony, Rhode Island, First Month 15, 1856, the daughter of Asa and Mary Peck Sisson.

She was always keenly interested in the many activities of Friends and the good works of others. We shall miss her interest and encouragement, but we are thankful for the years granted to her. The School and this Committee extend their deepest sympathy to her family and her many, many friends.

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When one considers the activities of a school, one's thought, perhaps from childhood experience, turns first to the more formal parts of the program: the curriculum, the classroom, the routine of school life. Education, however, should not be a limited or a limiting experience. The standard of academic work is important, but there must be variety, and every phase of the child's development must be of concern to qualified, forward looking teachers. Every effort must be made to provide an environment of normal living in which every child may have the opportunity to develop to the greatest possible extent as an individual, and as a useful member of his community.

The activities outside the classroom, therefore, properly assume a real importance in school life.

The problem in school administration is to maintain a satisfactory balance among the many desirable and interesting phases of the school life - scholastic work, athletics, social activities, special interests, and to keep before teachers and students the fundamental objectives of these activities: the spiritual, mental, and physical development of the participants.

In spite of the many problems which come back to the School from a war-conditioned world, the academic year has on the whole been a reasonably satisfactory one, and we have much for which to be very thankful.

There has been little change in enrollment since our last meeting. The one staff vacancy which existed at that time

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was filled the first of Eleventh Month and the staff has remained intact since that time. The problem of service in the kitchen and housekeeping departments, and the power house and on the grounds has frequently been critical, but those in charge of these departments have managed very well and there has been no real interruption due to lack of help.

There has been little serious illness, but the Infirmary has been busy and there were fifty cases of mumps. Although the disease never reached epidemic proportions, the Isolation Infirmary was open almost continuously during the winter. Faculty and boys alike were victims.

Among the many activities of the year, some deserve special notice. The School participated in the Community Fund Drive and subscribed $544.31; the Red Cross received a contribution of $470.55. The Lower School made a special project of work for the American Friends Service Committee and sent a substantial collection of clothes to Philadelphia. The Upper School participated in the National Clothing Drive. In addition, the Student Activities Committee has made contributions to the following organizations:

American Friends Service Committee	$20.00
American Foundation for the Blind	10.00
American Mission to Lepers	10.00
American Farm School	10.00
Tuskeegee Institute	10.00
World Student Service Fund	20.00
National Probation Association	10.00
National Child Labor Committee	10.00
Caney Creek Community Center	10.00
Father Flanagan Boys' Town	10.00
L.S.Ingraham High & Industrial School	5.00
Near East Foundation	5.00
Hampton Institute	10.00

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During the year the School's music has gained strength and prominence. Under Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Thomas the classroom work has gone ahead remarkably well. The Orchestra and Glee Club have grown perceptibly.

The Lower School Christmas Pageant was outstanding.

The informal recital of the Interschool Orchestra a week ago was well received by a large and enthusiastic audience. Much remains to be done but we seem to be pointing in the right direction. This orchestra is composed of boys and girls from both public and private schools and it has a value over and above the musical training and experience which these boys and girls receive.

Larger groups of boys than ever before have attended the Boston Symphony Orchestra Concerts and the programs of the Community Concert Association. A substantial number of subscriptions to the Community Concerts has been taken by the boys for next year.

In Twelfth Month Félix Fox, the well-known pianist of Boston, gave a piano recital for students, parents, and friends of the School.

At Christmas time the Proscenium Club presented three one-act plays, and immediately before the spring holiday, assisted by the Lincoln School Tormentors Club, the three-act play, "Dulcy." Moses Brown boys participated also in the Lincoln Club play.

The two Schools have continued their association in social activities, both at Lincoln and at Moses Brown.

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The Friday evening programs which were inaugurated this year under Mr. Mitchell's direction have been most successful and have made a real contribution to the week-end activities of our house boys.

Dr. Alexander C. Purdy has come to the School about every other week for the Sunday morning services. He has met also the older boys in a discussion group. His service to the School is invaluable. His thought-provoking messages always have an application to our day-to-day living that are very much appreciated by boys and adults.

Dr. Arthur H. Bradford gave a fine Vespers address at a candle light service before the Christmas holidays.

Anne Wiggin talked before the Upper School on the World Student Movement.

Strickland Gillilan, a nationally known humorist, gave some very good advice in humorous garb; and Dr. Michael Dorizas, Professor of Geography at the University of Pennsylvania, paid us his annual visit.

Everett B. Raines has continued the regular Monday morning assembly discussions of current events. This is an important part of the week's program, and the boys are showing a developing interest in national and international affairs.

In the TIME Current Affairs Contest which was taken by all the Upper School boys, the ratings on the whole were most satisfactory and one of our boys, Daniel Finger, was one of three "one hundred percenters" in the country.

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In the Lower School the formal assembly program of other years has been modified. Now when any group is ready with something which has grown out of the normal classroom activities, it is presented informally before the other boys. There have been special assemblies also on the Lives of the Composers, on the work of the American Friends Service Committee, and a series of motion pictures from the Chronicles of America. The latter was in preparation for the Lower School Exhibition, "A Pageant of America" which was open to the public last Thursday. It was a fine job.

The Parents Council continues active with meetings of their Executive Committee. The teas in the fall were well attended. The Council has asked that, in addition to these, or perhaps in place of the Lower School tea, we plan to have, next year, meetings of parents and teachers of the individual classes.

The Council is sponsoring the community teen-age canteen. It has contributed ten dollars to the support of the work and three Moses Brown parents were designated as members of the general committee: Mrs. William B. Farnsworth, Mrs. George E. Sinkinson, Mr. John Courtland Knowles, and Mr. Edward Thayer Richards, ex officio.

At the mid-year Commencement Exercises, twenty-one boys were awarded diplomas, one as of the class of 1940. This and one other award were made in absentia. Two diplomas were given boys in uniform who had returned after their "boot"

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training. These boys withdrew from School in Twelfth Month after twelve and thirteen years respectively as students at Moses Brown. The faculty voted to give them full credit for the Year's work which had been completed excepting for one report period. The Commencement address was made by Dr. James Gordon Gilkey of the South Congregational Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Baccalaureate Sermon the previous Sunday was preached by the Reverend John Nicol Mark of Arlington, Massachusetts.

Of the boys who graduated, five are now in Service, fourteen are in college; one boy returned to his home in England. The boy who received the diploma as of the Class of 1940 will graduate from dental school this spring.

The School now has record of over 600 boys in Service. It is probable that there are more than 100 others of whom we do not have information. Thirty boys have been killed or died as the result of service connected disability. Six are reported as missing in action.

A Summer Session will be held again this year, but on a somewhat different basis from the past two years. Instead of offering the regular curriculum, programs have been planned so that boys who have to take summer school work in order to graduate before being inducted into Service will have the credits which they require for graduation and college admission. Other boys are being admitted to the session if the subjects we offer will complete their work. This will

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permit a somewhat smaller faculty and will make possible a five period day for all students, thus eliminating the necessity for luncheon at the School. Registration has not been completed, but seventeen boys have enrolled and probably two or three more will be accepted for the Summer Session.

On Fourth Month 21, aptitude and achievement tests were held for all new candidates for the intermediate grades. In this department there are two or three times as many applicants as there will be places available next year. The registration of the primary grades also is excellent. The Pre-Primary, however, is, up to this time, very small. In the Upper School the re-registration is very good, but it is too early to know definitely what the total will be.

Faculty - There will be one change in the Upper School faculty and three (two assistants and one regular classroom teacher) in the Lower School. What success we shall have in making satisfactory replacements, no one can tell.

Light and Power - The one important item in the maintenance of the physical plant will be presented in the report of the Executive Committee, and there is no necessity, therefore, to include it here.

Pensions for faculty and staff - This matter has had the Headmaster's attention throughout the winter. It is an extremely difficult and complicated problem and specific recommendations have not yet been made to the Executive Committee.

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Gifts - The School acknowledges gratefully the following gifts:

$1000 from Mr. Greenhalgh
$1000 Anonymous
$50 from Cyril H. Simmons to add to the Library Fund in memory of his mother, Mrs. Lillian Homer Simmons
Books for the Proscenium Club - from Kenneth M. Harlowe, of the Class of 1921
Collection of old books - from Mrs. Daniel Howland
Two books for the School Library -Lyra and George Wolkins
Copies of old Moses Brown School catalogues - from Randall S. Naden
Material on China for classroom use - from Dorothy Hall Walter

We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of our friends.

Finances - A report of the financial operations of the School will be made by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

L Ralston Thomas

Headmaster

June 7, 1945

Members of the Committee on Moses Brown School
and Lincoln School

Dear Friends:

These minutes of the Committee Meeting held Fifth Month 1, 1945 have been very much delayed due to the pressure of work in the office.

It was hoped that the specific items mentioned in Alexander Purdy's report could be arranged chronologically with significant dates, but there has not been an opportunity to check the School Committee Minutes for the past twenty years. In the Minute Book, however, these dates will be indicated.

Very sincerely,

Gladys T. Thomas
Recording Clerk

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June 7, 1972

Secretary of the Committee on Social Service Review
and Literacy Education

Dear Friends:

Grant recipients of this Committee during fiscal
years ending 3, 1972 have been very busy making the
most preparations of report in the activity.

In this report that are specially lower-
in-income Portorica people to be successful students.
Regularly with significant change, and there are very
as appropriately to above the Summer Counselors
the year ended, years. In the Summer Counselors Program
course will be instituted.

Very sincerely,

Executive Director

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Committee on
At a meeting of the Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held in Alumni Hall, Moses Brown School on Fifth Month 1, 1945, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Bruce M. Bigelow, T. Dwight Boole, Edith L. Buffum, Edward L. Macomber, Margaret G. Sisson, Thomas A. Tripp, Charles H. White, Willis H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins. Excuses for absence were received from Charles F. Brown, Susan L. Dow, Richard M. Gummere, Rufus M. Jones, Gren O. Pierrel, Donald B. Snyder, William Webster, Frances E. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Ellen A. Winslow.

The minutes of the meeting held at Moses Brown School Tenth Month 3, 1944, were approved as circulated. L. Ralston Thomas read the report of the Headmaster of Moses Brown School. He also presented a statement of the income and expenditures compared with the budget for the period Seventh Month 1, 1944 to Third Month 31, 1945, and a cash account as of Third Month 31, 1945. These were accepted and ordered filed.

Charles H. White, in the absence of Gren O. Pierrel, the Chairman, read excerpts from the minutes of the Executive Committee. This report was received and specific approval was given the Executive Committee's decision to proceed at once with the conversion of the power plant (See Executive Committee minutes for Fourth Month 10, 1945).

Marion S. Cole read a memorial to Frances Lucas Henderson, Principal of Lincoln School from 1911 to 1920.

She then presented the report of the Headmistress of Lincoln School and the balance sheet and cash account for the fiscal period to Third Month 31, 1945. These reports were accepted.

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The Nominating Committee, Lyra T. Wolkins acting chairman, made the following recommendations:

"The Nominating Committee is united in suggesting that the following names be considered at this time and, if approved, that the list be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting in accordance with the permission granted in 1943, Minute 43, pages 24-25:

For three years - Lucia A. Wheeler, Ellen A. Winslow, Edward L. Macomber, Susan L. Dow, Moses Bailey, Walter H. Wood (in place of Norman S. Taber), Donald B. Snyder.

We also recommend that the School Committee appoint these four non-members of the Yearly Meeting, one-year appointment (for permission given, see Minutes 52-54, 1939); T. Dwight Boole, William Webster, Bruce M. Bigelow, Richard M. Gummere."

These recommendations were approved. T. Dwight Boole, William Webster, Bruce M. Bigelow, Richard M. Gummere were named to this Committee for the ensuing year. It was directed also that the names of those nominated be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

It was agreed that the present Nominating Committee should be continued (Lyra T. Wolkins, Frances E. Wheeler, Edward L. Macomber, Charles F. Brown).

In accordance with the instructions of the meeting Fifth Month 2, 1944, Alexander C. Purdy presented the following minute which had the unanimous approval of the Committee: "The Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School is united in an expression of appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of L. Ralston Thomas as headmaster for the past twenty years. We are grateful for the wise leadership which he has given the School during the difficult times. An outline of the most significant development in school policy, physical and curriculum changes, is herewith included in our permanent record."

In accordance with the instructions of the meeting which had the unanimous approval of the Committee:

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(These items will be arranged somewhat on a chronological basis and significant dates will be included in the official Minutes.)

I Policy Modifications

Acquisition of Lincoln School and establishment of Moses Brown for boys only 1925, 1926

Country Day School plan further developed 1926

Supervised play and recreation required of all boys 1926

Parents Council formed 1927

Student Activities Committee organized and student adviser appointed

Bulletin published 1932

Tea Dances become regular part of social program 1936-37

Moses Brown and Lincoln collaborate for dramatics, music, etc.

School Committee includes in its membership persons not members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 1939

II Physical Changes

New classrooms (8)

Chemistry and Physics Laboratory enlarged 1925

New Infirmary 1926

Isolation Infirmary 1928

Reading Alcove 1926

Provision for school business office 1925

307 Hope Street purchased and converted into apartments for two masters 1927

Additional master's apartment in East Wing 1927

Alumni Hall remodeled 1926 and 1937

Cottage moved (Battey) 1931

Sack House purchased and razed 1939

Stone Barn made into Lower School gymnasium 1934-35

Laundry building, old barn, and sheds razed

Teachers' Lounge 1944

Fire Alarm and Sprinkler system installed 1927

New Clock system

Driveway widened and surfaced 1939

Board track built 1925

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Moses Brown [illegible] 1923, 1929

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II Physical Changes (cont.)

Two new athletic fields	Lower School	1926
	Soccer	1927-28
Five additional tennis courts	Lower School (2)	1925
	Upper School (3)	1930
New boilers installed in Power House		1941

These are the larger items, and are over and above the changes which might properly be listed as part of the maintenance.

III Curriculum

Pre-Primary added to Lower School, and Lower School program modified 1926

Formal sports program provided for all boys 1926

Upper School curriculum broadened to include formal courses in General Science, Biology, World History, Geography, Spanish, Bible Study, etc.

Greater emphasis on Music, to include formal course in the Lower School, Orchestra, Glee Club, Music Appreciation in the Upper School 1940

Summer School 1943

Close and friendly relationships established with other educational institutions in the community and with the community itself

The Headmaster and Headmistress were directed to prepare for presentation the annual report of this Committee to the Yearly Meeting.

Charles H. White expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Alexander C. Purdy for the recognition which had come to him this year as acting president of The Hartford Seminary Foundation and for his years of outstanding service to that institution.

During the next academic year, the Committee on Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools will hold its regular meetings at Moses Brown School at ten o'clock in the morning on Tenth Month 2, 1945 and Fifth Month 7, 1946.

The Presiding Clerk was authorized to call a mid-winter meeting if for any reason it seems necessary to do so.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the Clerk during the next session of the Yearly Meeting.

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Recording Clerk

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Charles H. White expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Alexander D. Purdy for the recognition which had come to him this year as acting president of The Darlington Seminary Foundation now for his years of outstanding service to that institution.

During the next Academic Year, the Committee on Moses Brown and Fifth-Month School will hold its regular meetings at Moses Brown School at two o'clock in the morning on Tenth Month 2, 1945 and Fifth Month 7, 1946.

The Presiding Clerk was authorized to call a mid-winter meeting if for any reason it seems necessary to do so.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Moses Brown School held in the Headmaster's office Sixth Month 19, 1945, Gren O. Pierrel, the Chairman, presided and the following were present: Thomas A. Tripp, Frances E. Wheeler, Charles H. White, Lyra T. Wolkins. Excuses for absence were received from Edith L. Buffum and Alexander C. Purdy.

The Headmaster read an outline of specifications of necessary work to be done in heating and process steam piping in the Power House to complete the change-over from high to low pressure steam. The program includes the installation of duplex electrically driven vacuum pumps built in one unit, the removal of all unnecessary piping and such change-overs as will make an effective heating system.

The prices quoted, using an Ames pump of twenty-five thousand square feet capacity with thirty pounds pressure, is thirty-four hundred and seventy dollars, with the understanding that the School will provide for the cutting of masonry or woodwork and the electric wiring. After some discussion this estimate was approved and the Headmaster was authorized to proceed with the work with the understanding that the over-all cost should not exceed four thousand dollars.

At the close of this fiscal year the excess of income over expenditures will be added to the reserve and the cost of the work authorized above will then be charged to the reserve. This in effect will provide for the cost of the work from this year's operation.

In accordance with the Minute (page 2) of the Executive Committee meeting Eleventh Month 9, 1944, five thousand dollars of the anticipated balance of the current school year is to be set aside for the pension fund. The money for this purpose is available and the Headmaster is, therefore, authorized to set this sum aside at the present time rather than at the end of the fiscal year.

The Headmaster read the following list of funds which will be pooled under the heading of Moses Brown Special Fund by the Board of Managers for purpose of investment.

Bowditch Fund	$ 500.00
Mary D. Slocomb Fund	2,017.77
Richard F. Richardson Fund	1,000.00
Lillian H. Simmons Fund	150.00
Edward C. Palmer Fund	500.00
Edward C. Palmer History	500.00
Charles G. Greenhalgh	1,000.00
John F. Kenney Fund	100.00
	$ 5,767.77

The Committee would like also to have a list of all funds which may be used at the discretion of the Committee for such general purposes as may seem to it proper. This is to be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A brief report was made on the enrollment situation for next year, indicating a total enrollment at present for Upper and Lower School for September 1945 of three hundred and seventy-two, compared with a total enrollment for this year of three hundred and seventy-seven.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Ralston Thomas

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Recording Clerk

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[illegible] Ralston Thomas

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MAUD W. HERSEY

Mrs. Maud W. Hersey died at Butler Hospital, Providence, Sixth Month 30, 1944. She had not been in good health since her retirement during the academic year 1938-1939, and her condition gradually became worse.

"Missee" became House Mother of Belmont and special teacher of little boys in 1906 and continued in that post until her retirement.

She had a place in her heart for every one of the hundreds of little boys who were in her care. No one could have been more devoted to them. She understood their problems and gave them a security often denied to little boys away from home. Missee was in fact a mother to every one of them, and her boys the world over remember her with appreciation and devotion. No task seemed too little or too great where their interests were involved. She was proud of the School, and her interest in its welfare continued to the end of her life. We owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

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EMILY SISSON WHITE

Emily Sisson White, a student at Friends' School in 1875, died suddenly on Third Month 19, 1945, at her home, 287 Highland Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. She was in her ninetieth year.

Although not a member of the Committee, she was, during the greater part of her long life, closely identified with the School. Willis H. White and Charles H. White have been members of the School Committee for many years. Other close relatives were members of the School Committee and held offices in this body and in the Yearly Meeting, and some thirty relatives are graduates of Friends' School and Moses Brown.

She did not graduate from the School because of illness during her senior year, but she was always a very loyal supporter and attended every Commencement for fifty years.

Emily White was a birthright Friend and a member of the Providence Monthly Meeting for sixty years. She was born in Anthony, Rhode Island, First Month 15, 1856, the daughter of Asa and Mary Peck Sisson.

She was always keenly interested in the many activities of Friends and the good works of others. We shall miss her interest and encouragement, but we are thankful for the years granted to her. The School and this Committee extend their deepest sympathy to her family and her many, many friends.

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee presents its one hundred twenty-sixth annual report.

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

For the second consecutive year, Moses Brown School departed from its usual program and began with a summer session. To this, twenty boys were admitted for an accelerated semester's work. When School formally opened in Ninth Month, these boys had completed half their senior year in anticipation of graduation in Second Month. At that time (Second Month 2nd) formal exercises were held and diplomas awarded. John Nicol Mark was the Baccalaureate speaker, and the Commencement Address was given by James Gordon Gilkey.

On Sixth Month 7th twenty-six boys who had completed their work in regular course received their diplomas. The Baccalaureate and Commencement speakers at this time were, respectively, Everett C. Herrick, President of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and John C. Schroeder, Master of Calhoun College, Yale University.

A third summer session began last week. This modification in the regular program presents a number of problems but it does provide opportunity for graduation to some boys who would otherwise be denied this privilege. We all earnestly pray that within the next year peace may come to the world and that our boys may be able to plan again for their future.

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Upper and Lower Schools opened on the twentieth of Ninth Month with a very full enrollment. The Upper School was the largest it had ever been and registration in some forms had been completed early in the summer. In the Lower School all grades were completely full excepting the Pre-Primary, First, and Third Primaries. In each of these grades, it would have been possible to accept two or three additional students only. The totals are as follows:

Belmont	16	
Lower School Day	139	154
Upper School House	72	
Upper School Day	151	223
		Total 377 students

Since the rationing of gasoline, many more of our day boys have taken their noon meal at the School. During the first half of this year there were sufficient tables to provide only for those who stayed regularly for this meal. Some of you may remember when the East Dining Room was used for students. Much reduced in size, it has for many years been a service dining room. During the first half year it was taken over again for boys. After the mid-year Commencement, the situation was eased somewhat. At noon on school days approximately 400 meals were served to students, staff, and service. The problem of providing adequate meals has been a serious one, and we are thankful for the efficient work of the house manager and the dietitian with their frequently inadequate staffs.

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There was little serious illness during the year, but the Infirmary has been busy. There were throughout the year fifty cases of mumps, and although the disease did not reach epidemic proportions at any time, the Isolation Infirmary was open almost continuously during the winter. Faculty and boys alike were victims. The two nurses were frequently on twenty-four-hour duty for long periods.

There was considerable general maintenance and repair during the summer, most of which was completed satisfactorily. A faculty lounge on the third floor was the only new job. This is attractive and comfortable and has been much appreciated by the staff. For the most part, the buildings and grounds are in good condition. The hurricane in the fall did very little damage as compared with six years ago. The center of the storm passed directly over Providence and the city therefore escaped the full force of the blow.

The problem of maintaining an adequate staff, especially in the Upper School, is a difficult one and no doubt this condition will continue to exist for some time. We were fortunate to have a full staff, although some of the men were not competent in extra-classroom activities and this has thrown an additional burden on the regular staff. In the Upper School there were three new appointments; in the Lower School two new full-time teachers and three assistants. Mrs. Caroline Collins Lindh became an assistant house mother in Belmont. She ~~and her husband were both~~ was a graduate~~s~~ of Friends School, her two daughters

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attended Lincoln School, and she has many Friendly connections.

There were three changes in the program of studies. For a number of years we have begun the serious study of French in the Second Form and continued it through four years; German and Spanish, on the other hand, have been begun in the Third Form. This year the three modern languages have been put on a three-year basis. The General Science which has been given as a half unit in the First Form, was shifted into the Second Form as a full course. As a Second Form (ninth grade) subject, it will be entitled to credit for college and consequently will relieve to some extent the pressure on the upper Forms. In the First Form we began a full course in Geography. Adequate text-books at this level seem to be non-existent, but it is important that these boys should have a better understanding of the world in which we live in 1945, of the changes which the air age must inevitably bring about, and of the interdependence of the countries of the world. Properly taught, this course can be of inestimable value to them.

When one considers the activities of a school, one's thought, perhaps from childhood experience, turns first to the more formal parts of the program: the curriculum, the classroom, the routine of school life. Education, however, should not be a limited or limiting experience. The standard of academic work is important, but there must be variety, and every phase of the child's development must be of concern to qualified, forwarding looking teachers. Every effort should

be made to provide an environment of normal living in which every child may have the opportunity to develop to the greatest possible extent as an individual and as a useful member of his community. The activities outside the classroom, therefore, properly assume a real importance in school life. The problem in school administration is to maintain a satisfactory balance among the desirable and interesting phases of the school life - scholastic work, athletics, social activities, special interests, and to keep before teachers and students the fundamental objectives of these activities: the spiritual, mental, and physical development of the participants.

Among the many activities of the year at Moses Brown, some deserve special notice. The School participated in the Community Fund and Red Cross Drives, the Lower School made a special project of work for the American Friends Service Committee and sent a substantial gift of clothes and money to Philadelphia. The Upper School shared in the National Clothing Drive. In addition, the Student Activities Committee made contributions to a dozen philanthropic and charitable enterprises.

During the year music in the School has gained strength and prominence. The Orchestra, Glee Club, and Music Appreciation in the Upper School and the formal class work in the Lower School has shown substantial growth. The Inter-School Orchestra, composed of boys and girls from both public and independent schools, met regularly during the winter in Alumni Hall under the direction of John H. Mitchell. This organization has a value over and

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above the musical training and experience which these boys and girls receive. Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools have continued their close association in music, dramatics, and informal social activities. The Friday evening programs which were inaugurated this year have been must successful and have made a real contribution to the week-end activities of our house boys. The regular Monday morning assembly discussion of current events has been continued and the boys are showing a developing interest in national and international affairs. In the TIME Current Affairs Contest which was taken by all the Upper School boys, one of our students was one of three "one undred per centers" in the country. In the Lower School the Christmas Pageant, "The Nativity in Song and Story," was presented for the second year under the direction of Editha Thomas, and many parents have asked that it be continued as an annual feature. The Exhibition of Lower School work in Fourth Month was this year built around the general theme "A Pageant of America," and in the Closing Exercises of the Lower School the boys discussed the Maritime History of Rhode Island.

Dr. Alexander C. Purdy, in spite of his obligations as acting President of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, has come to the School approximately every other week for the Sunday morning service and has also met the older boys in discussion groups. His service to the School is invaluable.

His thought-provoking messages always have an application to our day-to-day living, and are very much appreciated by boys and adults. At a joint meeting of the Faculties of Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools held in Fifth Month, Alexander Purdy spoke on the principles of Friends and their application to Education.

Dr. Richard M. Gummere of Harvard University was appointed to the School Committee this year in accordance with the authority granted by the Yearly Meeting in 1939.

For fifty years the School has operated its own power plant. In 1941 a survey was made but at that time the engineer recommended no immediate change. It was recognized that because of the age of some of the equipment (both steam engines having been in continuous operation for more than forty years) the time would come when the whole question would need to be reviewed. Since then there have been many changes which affect the operation of the plant. The Government's requirement in 1942 that we change immediately from oil to coal not only increased the cost of operation due to increased cost of fuel but substantially increased labor costs. Another survey was made and on the basis of these findings the Headmaster was authorized to proceed at once with a program to eliminate the power plant, to purchase electricity from the Narragansett Electric Company, and to convert the boilers from high to low pressure for heating. This should result in substantial savings in operation and

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simplify the whole problem of engineering supervision. Work already has begun and the change-over should be made within the next two or three weeks. The program should be completed without difficulty during the summer.

The Committee acknowledges gratefully the following gifts to the School:

Under the Will of Mary D. Slocomb, a former resident of North Smithfield, a bequest of $2000 "for the benefit of needy students."

From Charles G. Greenhalgh, $1000.

A gift of $1000, anonymous

A gift of $500, anonymous

and a gift of $100, anonymous.

In addition, $500, the income of which is to be used for a history prize in memory of Carter Palmer of the Class of 1938.

The Greenhalgh Fund and the anonymous gifts are designated for special purposes or are to be used at the discretion of the School Committee.

We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of our friends.

Moses Brown is now closing the record of a successful year and looking forward with confidence to the next.

Respectfully submitted,
for the School Committee,

L. Ralston Thomas

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At a meeting of the Committee on Moses Brown School and Lincoln School held at Andover, Massachusetts, Sixth Month 23, 1945, Alexander C. Purdy presided and the following members were present: Edith L. Buffum, Susan L. Dow, Rufus M. Jones, Phoebe Perry, Frances L. Wheeler, Lucia A. Wheeler, Willis H. White, Ellen A. Winslow, Marion B. Cole, L. Ralston Thomas.

The Chairman welcomed Phoebe Perry, who was recently appointed to the Committee.

The Scholarship Committee reported that it had available for distribution $2600. Of this amount it was recommended that $1040 be awarded to students of Moses Brown, and $1560 to students of Lincoln School. The recommendations were approved.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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Recording Clerk